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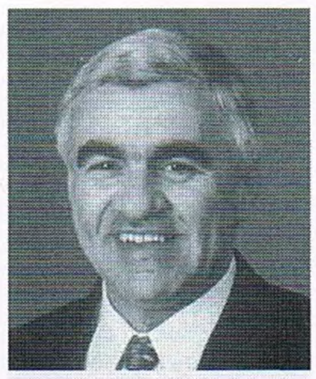
from the prez



I take the opportunity to welcome Wollongong Wolves to Hindmarsh Stadium for the first time this season.

Although the Wolves started the season slowly they have certainly made up for it in the last two matches with victories against premiership favourites Perth Glory and Parramatta Power.

Adelaide United meanwhile has lost the last two matches. But by all reports, United put on a very impressive performance in the away fixture against South Melbourne at Bob Jane Stadium. Coach, John Kosmina has the boys playing some attractive and entertaining football and whilst this is a good thing I'm sure however that Kossie is keen to get the team back on track with a win which is great to watch.

Off the pitch as we approach the third way mark of the season, I think it is appropriate that we review the clubs' performance against targets such as crowd attendance, sponsorship, acquisition and servicing, hospitality, public image and of course team performance.

We look forward to receiving your feedback on the above topics or any other matter and to share in the results or the review with you over the coming weeks.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the fans that joined the Stand in travelling to Melbourne to support our team.

Your support together with the support of the South Australian public and media is always appreciated and valued.

Please enjoy the game tonight.

President
Basil Scarsella
Adelaide United Football Club

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from the coach

Every now and then things happen that bring me to ponder the philosophy of life. Now is one of those times. Last weekend my daughters, Brydie (9) & Zoe (8) lost their innocence. Last weekend their best friend for the past few years in Brisbane, Maeve (10) lost her life under the wheels of a car.

Maeve was one of those special kids that you just know would have grown into a very special person. Put simply she "shone". She made the world a better and brighter place for everyone around her. The news devastated my daughters as it did my wife, Aly and I. But nowhere near as much as it devastated her parents. The family is Irish, from the south. In their typically selfless, spiritual Celtic way they have been more concerned with easing the pain for all those that knew Maeve, pushing their own grief aside. But who is going to ease their pain?

My writing this is easing mine but I feel utterly helpless in regard to helping them. What can I say or do that could make them feel better? Aly and the girls went back to Brisbane to view the open coffin, attend the service and spend some time at their old school to cry with their friends and teachers. That's what I meant by my girls losing their innocence. They shouldn't have to deal with death and grief and sorrow and all that stuff at their age. But the fact is they do have to, as do many other parents and friends that we don't know and don't think about until it touches us personally.

That's when I ask why. Why does a great kid like Maeve that had the world in the palm of her hand have her life whisked away? Why do two wonderful people like her parents, Frank and Robyn lose a beautiful child for no apparent reason? Life is about realities and perspectives. If all we've got to worry about is that we played well last week but didn't win then we've got nothing to worry about at all.

Next time we're feeling sorry for ourselves let's take a reality check, put things in perspective, spare a thought for those less fortunate and get on with the job of making the most of what we've got.

Go United

Kossie

from the captain

Tonight we face an in-form Wollongong outfit, having beaten Parramatta Power and Perth Glory in their last two outings. This will be a tough test for United. Wollongong do not have the stars of the past, however they are a hard working team that have hit form after a slow start to the season.

Our match against South Melbourne was an unjust result. Our boys played our best 90 minutes of consistently good football so far this season, following a few patchy performances in previous weeks. The key for United's success is to continue this form for the entire season, and we will certainly win many more games than we will lose.

The bus-loads of fans that traveled to Melbourne gave us a huge boost. They made an incredible amount of noise, which contributed to our good form. We hope to reward them tonight by taking three points from this match.

A bonus for our team was the solid performance of striker Shane Smeltz, making his debut for Adelaide United. Following a lengthy lay off with injury, Shane proved to be a further spark to our forward line. He will need to consolidate on this performance and I'm sure our team will benefit from his presence on the field.

Robert Bajic also had a strong debut in goals. Playing in goals in a hostile environment such as Bob Jane Stadium was never going to be an easy task, however he managed to keep a cool head and will benefit from the experience.

Our schedule over the next few weeks is demanding. Our fitness and mental toughness will be put to the test, but we believe we have a good balance within our squad to come through with positive results.

Enjoy the game, be loud.

Aurelio Vidmar

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marketing and communications

Angelo Picca

Advertising / Image / Brand

In keeping with **Adelaide United**'s advertising plan the Club has continued with the implementation of reaching out to South Australia's soccer community while focussing on advancing the Club's image to a larger audience.

The advertising campaign on **Channel 7** has worked extremely well for Adelaide United in terms of the amount of people the Club has reached. **United**'s message is reaching to the best part of **320,000 people** per week accumulating in access of **1.2 million viewers** in the lead up to the last 4 games played at Hindmarsh Stadium.

More importantly, a wider cross section of the community is coming to grips with what **Adelaide United** means and where it fits in with the **family of sports** in South Australia.

Adelaide United radio commercial partners **5DN**, **5AA**, **CoastFM, 5RPH, Greek radio Doriforos** and **RTI 531am** have continued with advertising and publicity campaigns in the push of all matches played at Hindmarsh Stadium this season.

The Advertiser sport and print media in general has continued with feature stories regarding celebrity penalty shoot-outs, **Kim Clijsters** and **Lleyton Hewitt's** participation, plus good editorial coverage and other news related stories featuring other sporting personalities.

Adelaide United Football Club is delighted with the co-operation and the collaboration the media has demonstrated since the start of the NSL season 2003/2004. **A personal thank you and congratulations to all concerned.**

Mobile Advertising Trailer

Cosi Salerno has clocked up thousands of miles this season strategically and geographically driving around and towing the Mobile Advertising trailer. Many soccer fans have noticed the giant advertising vehicle as far as **Gawler** and **Murray Bridge**, including the prime northern and southern regions of Adelaide.

Tens of thousands of motorists and commuters have become accustomed to the colourful giant which displays promotional messages, sponsors' names/logos and kick-off times for this season's matches @ Hindmarsh Stadium. **Well done Cosi!**

Media Awareness/development skills

The media awareness development evening **with Chris Dittmar** went very well. The Adelaide United players attended immediately after training @ Hindmarsh Stadium last Tuesday night and they were joined by the Adelaide Sensation girls. Many thanks to **Kosmos Eletrical** for supplying Television, video and a DVD player to ensure Ditts had the right equipment for the session. Thanks to **Liz Davison, Alison Papas, Carrie Hack** for all the preparatory work leading up to the evening. Well done!

Marketing Services

Ross Aloisi presented a **personalised framed shirt #6** to Major Sponsor – **Bianco's Dario Fontanarosa**. Ross presented the shirt while at lunch with Dario.

The frame was completed by **Omega Picture Framers** – AUFC sponsor. Once again utilising our commercial partners primarily to build a long-term relationship but also to take advantage of the current competitive sales market.

In order to improve the **look,** the **feel** and the **general ambience** of the corporate facilities, a framed photograph of the Adelaide United team has been included in each of the corporate boxes. Meanwhile, the President's Suite has been decorated with a long satin back-drop incorporating the Adelaide United tri-colours.

A **sponsors' function,** to present player sponsors with a personalised framed photo of the player they are sponsoring for the season, has been organised for Tuesday December 2 @ Hindmarsh Stadium 7.30pm. **President Basil Scarsella** will be joined by **Patron Gordon Pickard**, the players and sponsors.

Promotions / Publicity

The Celebrity penalty shoot-out proved to be a very entertaining pre-match event. The **Port Adelaide Power** and **Adelaide Crows** players including legend **Russell Ebert,** Chief Football writer **Michelangelo Rucci, Graham Cornes, Lleyton Hewitt, Andrew McLeod, Warren Tredrae, Nathan Basset** and **Ken McGregor** were the stars on show to test their soccer skills.

The Stadium erupted with jeers when former Crows coach and FiveAA presenter **Graham Cornes** completely missed the target but the Crows easily won the contest thanks to misses from **Warren Tredrae, Damian White** and **Michelangelo Rucci** who kicked the ball straight into the goalkeeper's arms.

Graham Cornes, who captained the **Crows**, collected the winner's cheque for $2000 from **President Basil Scarsella** at half time. **Graham Cornes** followed with a presentation of the same to Pickard Foundation Manager **Coralie Cheney Ross.**

Presentations

Ross Aloisi attended the **Rostrevor College** assembly to do a presentation. Good feedback on Adelaide United, the school Principal talking to Ross mentioned that most kids have attended most of Adelaide United's matches @ Hindmarsh this year.

David Terminello attended the **St Pius Catholic School** on Wednesday 26th November to do a presentation while **Ross Aloisi** visited **St Francis of Assisi** @ Newton the same day. The demand for and appearances by the Adelaide United team is testament to the growing popularity of the AUFC palyers.

Adelaide United training @ Premier/State League venues

Tuesday night training at **Adelaide Raiders (Croatia)** saw a good turn out, as **Adelaide United** players further establish affinity with Premier League clubs. The **Raiders** committee took photos of the **United** team assembled in front of **Bianco** perimeter signage at the Gepps Cross facilities.

A BBQ after training in air-conditioned facilities followed and the AUFC players were well received and well looked after by the Adelaide Raiders committee.

A presentation was than made to the **Adelaide Raiders,** presenting Raiders **President Mr Tony Blazincic** with a framed photograph of the Adelaide United Football Club NSL squad. Coach **John Kosmina** was there to present the framed photograph in addition to Adelaide United shirts signed by the players.

So far this season Adelaude United has trained at the following venues: **Modbury Soccer Club, Para Hills SC, Campbelltown SC, Noarlunga United SC, White City SC, Birkalla SC and Adelaide Raiders SC.**

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marketing and promotions continued

Forthcoming events and promotions

- Match day sponsor for tonight's game **Adelaide Produce Markets**
- **Player sponsors'** presentation: December 2 @ Hindmarsh Stadium 7.30pm after training.
- **Rundle Mall** community promotional activity: Tuesday December 9 in a push for the following night's match against **Northern Spirit**, and the following Sunday's match against **Sydney Olympic @** Hindmarsh Stadium.
- **L.A.R.**: performance by Adelaide's talented trio for Wednesday December 10 match against Alex Tobin's Northern Spirit @ Hindmarsh.
- **Cricket:** AUFC coach **John Kosmina** and captain **Aurelio Vidmar** have been invited to attend the **Australia v India** Test Match on December 12 at Adelaide Oval. Kossie and Viddie will each have the opportunity to represent United but also mingle and network with business people from other sports.
- **Christmas Theme:** Christmas carols and performing artists for Sunday December 14 match against Sydney Olympic @ Hindmarsh. Match day sponsor **Adelaide Pest Control**.
- **New Year's Eve theme:** for Sunday December 28 match against Melbourne Knights @ Hindmarsh.
- **Australia Day Theme:** for Friday January 23 match against Marconi Stallions @ Hindmarsh.
- **Valentine's Day Theme:** roses and merchandise given to fans by players / Shopping Centre promotion in a push for February 20 match against Football Kingz @ Hindmarsh.
- Adelaide United **auction** March 2004: subject to venue availability.
- **Adelaide United Football Club – Adelaide Pest Control $2000 "Club Champion Award 2003/2004"** and **AUFC "Rising Star Award 2003/2004":** presented April 2004 (see further information on this page).
- Adelaide United "**Black Tie End of Season Ball**" extravaganza: June 2004.

Angelo Picca
Marketing/Media Manager
Adelaide United FC

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER ASSOCIATION 2003 HALL OF FAME

The Australian Soccer Association (ASA) is seeking applications for the year 2003 Hall of Fame.

Nominees must have contributed to the code on a national level, either on the field (player) or off the field (official, coach, referee, media).

Players have to be retired at least three years before being eligible for nomination, but non-players can be nominated at any time.

Closing date for nominations is February 28, 2004. Applications can be obtained from the ASA, attention Ted Simmons.

ADELAIDE PEST CONTROL 'Club Champion Award' and Adelaide United 'Rising Star Award'

The inaugural Adelaide United Football Club $2000 Club Champion Award, proudly sponsored by **Adelaide Pest Control**, will be presented at the completion of the season.

Adelaide Pest Control's Mr **Frank O'Shea** has been a long–standing supporter of soccer at all levels for many years, and he has come on board to the delight of the Adelaude United Football Club.

Also Mr Frank O'Shea, in association with his son **Ty O'Shea**, are one of the major sponsors of Adelaide United through their company, Adelaide Pest Control. They have shown their dedication and enthusiasm to the code by resurrecting this long–standing award.

AUFC – TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Car parking
There are various car parks available for patrons during matches at Hindmarsh Stadium. Options include: Adelaide Entertainment Centre, Education Department Centre Manton Street, and parking in the middle of Port Road. In addition there are several other car parks and plenty of street parking within a radius of one km from the Stadium.

Public transport
Buses: available from the City to Hindmarsh Stadium and return on services 115, 118 via Manton St; services 111, 112, 113, 115N and 118N via South Road; and services 151, 152, 153 and 155 via Port Road. These services run every 15 minutes from 7.30am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday, and every 30 minutes at night, weekend and public holidays through to the last service.
Trains: nearest stop is Bowden, a five minute walk to/from the Stadium.
For further information regarding these services please call the Passenger Transport InfoLine on 8210 1000 or visit www.adelaidemetro.com.au.

Updated AUFC training/travel/match schedule

November-December 2003

28.Nov	**Fri**	**match**	**v WOLLONGONG (home) 7.30pm**
29.Nov	*Sat*	*travel*	*to Sydney*
30.Nov	**Sun**	**match**	**v SYDNEY OLYMPIC (away) 5pm**
02.Dec	Tues	training	@ Cumberland SC, Bailey Reserve 6pm
04.Dec	Thur	training	@ Hindmarsh Stadium 6pm
05.Dec	*Fri*	*travel*	*to Auckland*
06.Dec	**Sat**	**match**	**v FOOTBALL KINGZ (away) 8pm**
09.Dec	Tues	training	@ Hindmarsh Stadium 6pm
10.Dec	**Wed**	**match**	**v NORTHERN SPIRIT (home) 7.30pm**
12.Dec	Fri	training	@ Hindmarsh Stadium 6pm
14.Dec	**Sun**	**match**	**v SYDNEY OLYMPIC (home) 7pm**
16.Dec	Tues	training	@ Salisbury United SC 6pm
18.Dec	Thur	training	@ Hindmarsh Stadium 6pm
19.Dec	*Fri*	*travel*	*to Sydney*
20.Dec	**Sat**	**match**	**v PARRAMATTA POWER (away) 6pm**
22.Dec	Mon	training	@ Hindmarsh Stadium 6pm
23.Dec	Tues	training	@ Hindmarsh Stadium 6pm
26.Dec	Fri	training	@ Campbelltown City SC 10am
27.Dec	Sat	training	@ Campbelltown City SC 6pm
28.Dec	**Sun**	**match**	**v MELBOURNE KNIGHTS (home) 7pm**

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mike valkanis

do you have a pre–game routine?
Relax! Rest... read a book... watch TV... start preparing for the game mentally

how would other players of the team describe you?
Someone that likes to have a laugh but when there's work to be done its time to knuckle down.

what was your most embarrassing moment?
Scoring a 'goal' for South Melbourne against Morwell then celebrating it with Con Boutsianis and Kevin Muscat, only to notice the fans not celebrating but yelling at us to run back because we had been ruled off-side and Morwell had taken a free-kick, and suddenly we had to defend.

when you're not playing soccer, what do you like to do?
going for a coffee with friends and team mates... I like the cafe culture – I'm used to it from living and playing in Greece for six and a half years... I also like reading books, chilling out at home listening to music or watching a good movie.

what is your most annoying habit?
Too much coffee culture and not doing enough chores around the house.

you are one of the most experience players in the squad – how do you get along with the younger players?
I think that I get along well with the younger players... I always give my time to them, encourage them and try to give them good advice.

tell us about your experience in Greece
I had a great experience in Greece... being of Greek background I always wanted to play professionally there... playing for Iraklis in the Greek first division was really a dream come true. Soccer in Greece really opened my eyes with what goes on when a lot of money and politics are involved... I could probably write a good book that would make a great read if I put it all down on paper. Let's just face it, in Europe soccer is in the culture – its a religion, people are fanatical... its everyone's topic of conversation – it was great to be part of it.

what do you want to do when you retire from playing?
I can't see my life without soccer... when my playing days are over I'll be into coaching straight away... I'd love to be part of a squad, preparing, analysing opponents, selecting the squad, selecting tactics and making decisions while trying to keep a whole squad of different characters, the board and supporters all happy. Now that's an exciting challenge for the future that I look forward to when the time comes.

your head injury suffered against Perth Glory – how does that compare with other injuries?
The staples I received in the head v Glory was probably the most stitches I've received playing in a game. But in total I've had about 16 injuries including a broken nose – now that's painful, especially playing again three days later. Thankfully I've never had one of those serious injuries that keeps a player out of the game for a long time.

how long have you played in the NSL?
I made my NSL debut in 1992 with South Melbourne, where I stayed until I left for Greece in 1996. I came back to Australia last year... coming to Adelaide and playing for Adelaide City was probably my smartest move – just look where it's led.

how do you feel about playing for Adelaide United?
Playing for Adelaide United is fantastic and very exciting... I will never forget the feeling of walking out on Hindmarsh v Brisbane for the first ever AUFC game – it will remain a highlight in my career. Its a great feeling and most of all an honour to be representing the state of South Australia in the NSL.

david terminello

what is your post/pre game ritual or routine?
I don't really have a set routine other than I like to get changed late... and I always take five minutes just to get into the right mindset.

how do you think the other players on the team would describe you?
I'm really not too sure... you will have to ask them! Thinking about it, they would probably say I'm a team player, and that I don't mind having a laugh with the boys.

what was your most embarrassing moment?
I've never had an embarrassing moment! Actually I lie – I'm sure I have... but nothing comes to mind at the moment.

when you're not playing soccer, what do you like to do?
I enjoy watching movies and getting about in the city. Adelaide is a great place to hang out. And I really LOVE THE BEACH in summer - we're lucky we live near some great beaches here.

what is your most annoying habit?
Hmmm, not too sure... you will have to ask my team mates!

can you tell us a bit about your aspirations for your football career?
I would still love to play professionally in Europe. It would be sensational to be involved in a league where the continual pressure and attention on players means you would have to be constantly improving – to have that amount of support has always interested me.

what do you want to do when you retire from playing football?
I want to stay involved in the game I love so much... at what level I'm not too sure - maybe coaching juniors, working with kids is always a rewarding experience.

who has had the greatest influence on your career and why?
Definitely my family... they have been a huge source of support whether it be taking me to and from training and games as a kid, to giving me constructive criticism at times – and just generally keeping me on the right path.

how long have you played in the NSL?
My first season in the national league was 1998/99 with Adelaide City. In 1999 I moved to Melbourne and joined Carlton which was a rewarding experience, playing in a full-time set up. After one and a half years in Melbourne I returned to Adelaide part-way through the 2000/01 season. I'm currently in my sixth season in the NSL.

how do you feel about playing for Adelaide United?
Playing for Adelaide United has been fantastic... the players are great to be involved with, and to have the support we get from the Adelaide public is great. Everyone involved in piecing together this club should be congratulated.

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ADELAIDE UNITED PLAYERS

1. David Scarsella
Born: 12-Oct-82 **Position:** Goalkeeper
Australian honours: Schoolboys
NSL statistics: debut 02/03 season
13 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former club: Adelaide City (NSL)

2. Richie Alagich
Born: 30-Oct-73 **Position:** Defender
Australian honours: Schoolboys, Under 20, Under 23
NSL statistics: debut 93/94 season
180 games / 4 goals / 1 send-off
Former clubs: Brisbane Strikers (NSL), South Melbourne (NSL), West Adelaide (NSL), Port Adelaide (SA), Birkalla (SA)

3. Kristian Rees
Born: 6-Jan-80 **Position:** Defender
NSL statistics: debut 00/01 season
46 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Adelaide City (NSL), Para Hills (SA)

4. Aaron Goulding
Born: 29-Apr-82 **Position:** Defender
Australian honours: Under 17, Under 20, Under 23
NSL statistics: debut 00/01 season
24 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Adelaide City (NSL), Playford City (SA), Para Hills (SA), SASI

5. Mike Valkanis
Born: 23-Aug-74 **Position:** Defender
Australian honours: Under 23
NSL statistics: debut 92/93 season
92 games / 3 goals / 2 send-offs
Former clubs: Adelaide City (NSL), Agios Nikolaos (Greece), Larissa (Greece), Iraklis (Greece), South Melbourne (NSL)

6. Ross Aloisi
Born: 17-Apr-73 **Position:** Midfielder
Australian honours: Under 17, Under 23, Socceroos (5 games)
NSL statistics: debut 90/91 season
108 games / 14 goals / 2 send-offs
Former clubs: Pro Sesto (Italy), Alzano (Italy), Grazer (Austria), Lorient (France), Aarau (Switzerland), West Adelaide (NSL), Brunswick (NSL), Adelaide City (NSL), FC Boom (Belgium)

7. David Terminello
Born: 30-Aug-80 **Position:** Midfielder
Australian honours: Schoolboys, Under 17, Under 20
NSL statistics: debut 98/99 season
109 games / 6 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Adelaide City (NSL), Carlton (NSL), SASI, Campbelltown (SA)

8. Carl Veart
Born: 21-May-70 **Position:** Striker
Australian honours: Under 23, Socceroos (23 games)
NSL statistics: debut 89/90 season
283 games / 70 goals / 1 send-off
Former clubs: Adelaide City (NSL), Millwall (England), Crystal Palace (England), Sheffield United (England), Salisbury (SA), Whyalla Croatia (SA)

9. Shane Smeltz
Born: 29-Sep-81 **Position:** Striker
Representative honours: New Zealand Under 20, senior team
NSL statistics: debut 99/00 season
49 games / 7 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Adelaide City (NSL), Napier City (New Zealand), Brisbane Strikers (NSL), Gold Coast City (Qld), Queensland Academy of Sport

10. Aurelio Vidmar (c)
Born: 3-Feb-67 **Position:** Midfielder
Australian honours: Olympic team, Socceroos (53 games)
NSL statistics: debut 1985 season
273 games / 51 goals / 3 send-offs
Former clubs: Adelaide City (NSL), San Frecce Hiroshima (Japan), Tenerife (Spain), Sion (Switzerland), Feyenoord (Holland), Standard Liege (Belgium), Waregem (Belgium), Kortrijk (Belgium)

11. Goran Lozanovski
Born: 11-Jan-74 **Position:** Midfielder
Australian honours: Under 20, Under 23, Socceroos (9 games)
NSL statistics: debut 91/92 season
246 games / 27 goals / 4 send-offs
Former clubs: Adelaide City (NSL), Alemannia Aachen (Germany), South Melbourne (NSL), Collingwood Warriors (NSL), Preston (NSL), AIS, Altona Gate (Vic)

12. Shane Thompson
Born: 24-Nov-78 **Position:** Defender
NSL statistics: –
Former clubs: Enfield Falcons (SA), Northern Spirit (NSL), Birkalla (SA), Adelaide City (NSL)

14. Sean Widera
Born: 18-Nov-81 **Position:** Striker
NSL statistics: –
Former clubs: Raiders (SA), Croydon (SA), Adelaide City (SA), Hibernian (Scotland), SASI

15. Aaron Westervelt
Born: 21-Nov-79 **Position:** Midfielder
Australian honours: Schoolboys
NSL statistics: debut 97/98 season
14 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Enfield Falcons (SA), Para Hills (SA), Birkalla (SA), Elizabeth (SA), West Adelaide (NSL), AIS, SASI

17. Mimi Saric
Born: 3-Sep-83 **Position:** Striker
Australian honours: Under 17
NSL statistics: debut 01/02 season
14 games / 1 goal / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Adelaide City (NSL), Raiders (SA), AIS, SASI, Campbelltown

19. Elias Demourtzidis
Born: 25-Jun-81 **Position:** Striker
Australian honours: Under 20
NSL statistics: debut 98/99 season
20 games / 2 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Adelaide Olympic (SA), Sydney Olympic (NSL), South Melbourne (NSL), West Adelaide (NSL), AIS, SASI

20. Robert Bajic
Born: 29-Jul-77 **Position:** Goalkeeper
NSL statistics: debut 03/04 season
1 game / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Raiders (SA), Rochedale (Qld), Rocklea (Qld)

21. Adriano Pellegrino
Born: 9-Jun-84 **Position:** Midfielder
Australian honours: Under 20
NSL statistics: debut 01/02 season
16 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former club: Adelaide City (NSL)

22. Nick Crossley
Born: 12-Sep-87 **Position:** Goalkeeper
Australian honours: Under 17
NSL statistics: –
Former clubs: SASI, Modbury (SA)

23. Nick Budin
Born: 18-Mar-82 **Position:** Striker
Australian honours: Schoolboys
NSL statistics: debut 00/01 season
30 games / 5 goals / 0 send-offs
Former club: Adelaide City (NSL)

24. Matthew Kemp
Born: 8-Aug-80 **Position:** Midfielder
NSL statistics: debut 99/00 season
79 games / 8 goals / 1 send-off
Former clubs: Adelaide City (NSL), Spal (Italy), AIS, Belconnen United (ACT)

Coach: John Kosmina

- Born 7 August 1956, played for Croydon (Polonia) pre-1977
- Played 102 games and scored 45 goals for the Socceroos from 1976 and 1988; captain from 1982 to 1988
- Played 289 games & scored 133 goals in the NSL, for West Adelaide (1977, 1979–1980), Adelaide City (1978), Sydney City (1981–1986), Sydney Olympic (1987–1988), APIA (1989)
- Spent 1977/78 at Arsenal, England
- Won NSW State League Championship as coach of Warringah Dolphins 1995

NSL coaching record

Season	*Club*	*Games*	*W–D–L*
95/96–97/98	Newcastle Breakers	85	15–23–47
99/00–02/03	Brisbane Strikers	140	48–36–56
03/04	Adelaide United	6	2–2–2
TOTAL NSL		231	65–61–105

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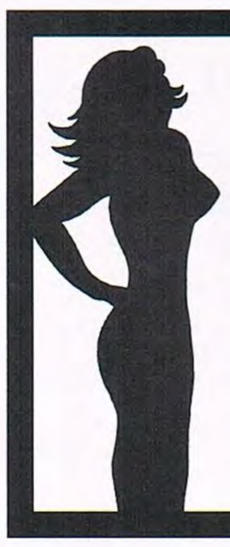

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club honours

First season	*1981*
Champions (2)	99/00, 00/01
Premiers (1)	1988
Finalists (6)	1988, 91/92, 92/93, 97/98, 99/00, 00/01

player honours

Most games	Matthew Horsley 284 games (90/91–00/01)
Most goals	Stuart Young 54 goals (99/00–03/04)

nsl statistics

	P	*W*	*D*	*L*	*F*	*A*	*Best result*	*Worst result*
All matches	617	206	161	250	844	941	W8-0 v Canb Cosmos (05.12.97)	L0-6 v Preston (02.08.81)
In Adelaide	35	6	12	17	38	68	W4-0 v West Adel (11.02.95)	L0-5 v West Adel (20.12.98)
At Hindmarsh	30	5	10	15	32	58	W4-0 v West Adel (11.02.95)	L0-5 v West Adel (20.12.98)

league record (22 seasons)

	REGULAR SEASON.....						*Ladder*		*Average*	
Season	*P*	*W*	*D*	*L*	*F*	*A*	*pos.*	*Teams*	*crowd*	*Top scorer – goals*
1981	30	8	12	10	35	39	11th	16	4900	Jim McBreen – 7
1982	30	16	3	11	43	46	3rd	16	3500	Phil O'Connor – 16
1983	30	4	15	11	41	55	15th	16	1800	Roy Cotton, Phil O'Connor – 12
1984	28	5	5	18	22	59	12th	12x2	1100	Peter Kotamanidis – 8
1985	22	5	6	11	29	46	10th	12x2	1000	Pat Brodnik – 6
1986	22	9	5	8	26	25	8th	12x2	2300	Robert Giraldi – 7
1988	26	13	8	5	44	32	1st	14	2400	Randall Easthorpe – 9
1989	26	8	7	11	22	29	9th	14	1641	Randall Easthorpe – 6
89/90	26	8	4	14	30	48	11th	14	1824	Pat Brodnik – 9
90/91	26	8	8	10	32	34	9th	14	2898	Richard Lloyd – 5
91/92	26	9	10	7	24	17	5th	14	2585	Claudio Cellini – 5
92/93	26	11	6	9	33	27	4th	14	2733	Charlie Yankos – 7
93/94	26	6	9	11	24	32	11th	14	2471	Scott Ollerenshaw – 6
94/95	24	8	4	12	39	46	8th	13	3179	Vaughan Coveny – 12
95/96	33	5	5	23	31	63	11th	12	2947	Mario Jermen, Tony Perinich – 9
96/97	26	8	8	10	42	48	10th	14	4733	Matthew Horsley – 7
97/98	26	13	3	10	51	33	6th	14	5544	Scott Chipperfield – 13
98/99	28	8	8	12	45	52	10th	15	3561	Antony Surjan – 8
99/00	34	17	9	8	72	44	2nd	16	4939	Stuart Young – 19
00/01	29	16	9	5	76	42	2nd	15	5104	Saso Petrovski – 21
01/02	24	6	7	11	28	43	10th	13	3403	Stuart Young – 9
02/03	24	5	8	11	25	43	13th	13	3025	Stuart Young – 9

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Date	*Opponent*	*Result*	
12.04.81	West Adel	D	0–0
03.05.81	Adel City	W	2–1
28.02.82	West Adel	L	0–4
25.04.82	Adel City	L	0–3
12.06.83	Adel City	D	2–2
03.07.83	West Adel	D	1–1
13.02.88	Adel City	W	3–2
04.06.89	Adel City	D	1–1
23.12.89	West Adel	L	1–4
28.01.90	Adel City	L	0–3
24.02.91	Adel City	D	1–1
05.01.92	West Adel	D	1–1
08.03.92	Adel City	L	0–1
12.04.92	Adel City	L	0–1
01.11.92	Adel City	D	0–0
13.12.92	West Adel	W	3–2
02.05.93	Adel City	L	0–4
30.01.94	Adel City	D	0–0
18.03.94	West Adel	W	2–0
08.01.95	Adel City	L	1–3
11.02.95	West Adel	W	4–0
19.11.95	West Adel	L	1–2
17.12.95	Adel City	L	0–1
11.02.96	West Adel	L	1–3
09.02.97	Adel City	D	0–0
30.03.97	West Adel	L	1–3
16.11.97	West Adel	L	1–3
18.02.98	Adel City	L	2–4
26.04.98	Adel City	D	2–2
20.12.98	West Adel	L	0–5
21.02.99	Adel City	D	4–4
10.12.99	Adel City	W	2–1
25.03.01	Adel City	D	1–1
09.11.01	Adel City	L	0–3
07.03.03	Adel City	L	1–2

wollongong wolves history

The Illawarra region, located on the New South Wales south coast, has a long and colourful soccer history. The area traditionally thrived on the bustling activity of coal mines which spurned many varied and popular soccer clubs from the late-nineteenth to the mid-twentieth centuries, and much rivalry existed between the pits. The long-established soccer community only strengthened with the advent of mass immigration into the region in the decades immediately following the second world war.

South Coast United, predecessors to the Wollongong Wolves, played in front of large crowds in the NSW state league in the 1960s before disappearing in the mid-70s. The Wolves entered the national league in 1981. After a bright start to its NSL existence, incorporating an undefeated streak for its first eight games in 1981, and a third placing in the 1982 season, performances fizzled to the extent that the club was relegated in 1986.

The Wolves returned to the national stage in 1988, taking out the premiership in its first year back. However two consecutive losses in the 1988 finals series, firstly to Sydney United and then to eventual champions Marconi, destroyed the dream grand final berth.

Throughout the early nineties, Wollongong established a rugged NSL team relying particularly on a steadfast defence. Despite never being big money spenders throughout the decade, the club rarely struggled on-field, and in fact reached the NSL finals several times throughout the nineties. The team developed a much more flamboyant attacking style towards the end of the decade, with potent strikers such as Scott Chipperfield and Saso Petrovski who, along with Matthew Horsley and David Cervinski, led the club to two consecutive NSL grand final wins. The heart-stopping 2000 grand final victory, won on penalties after being down three-nil away to Perth Glory (the match proper ended 3-3), and the 2-1 grand final win over South Melbourne in 2001 - one of the most technically proficient grand finals in NSL history - were amazing achievements considering the low-budget nature of the club. Sadly for the region there was a major overturn of Wolves players in 2001 and the two year dream run suddenly came to a halt.

The player exodus continued in 2003 with David Cervinski (retired from NSL), David Huxley (Sydney United) and Buddy Farah (Nijmeh, Lebanon) among the departees. Replacements have been mostly youngsters and/or from the NSW state league - several of the new players well known by NSW state league stalwart coach John Turner, who also joined the Wolves this season.

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1. Andrew Crews
Born: 19-Aug-73 **Position:** Goalkeeper
NSL statistics: debut 95/96 season
101 games / 0 goals / 2 send-offs
Wolves: debut 02/03 season
32 games / 0 goals / 1 send-off
Former clubs: Parramatta Power (NSL), Sydney United (NSL), APIA (NSW), Sydney United (NSW), Blacktown City (NSW)

2. Bobby Dragas
Born: 6-Mar-78 **Position:** Defender
NSL statistics: debut 03/04 season
8 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Wolves: debut 03/04 season
8 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former club: Bonnyrigg (NSW)

3. Jacob Timpano
Born: 4-Jan-86 **Position:** Defender
Australian honours: U17
NSL statistics: debut 02/03 season
12 games / 1 goal / 0 send-offs
Wolves: debut 02/03 season
12 games / 1 goal / 0 send-offs

4. Mirko Jurilj
Born: 5-Nov-73 **Position:** Midfielder
NSL statistics: debut 92/93 season
18 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Wolves: debut 03/04 season
4 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Pieta Hotspurs (Malta), Sembawang Rangers (Singapore), Sydney United (NSL), Johor (Malaysia), Sutherland (NSW), Fraser Park (NSW), Hurstville Zagreb (NSW), Parramatta Eagles (NSW)

5. Adam Hughes
Born: 15-Jul-82 **Position:** Midfielder
NSL statistics: debut 01/02 season
19 games / 1 goal / 0 send-offs
Wolves: debut 03/04 season
9 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former club: Newcastle United (NSL)

6. Michael Hawrysiuk
Born: 27-Mar-78 **Position:** Midfielder
NSL statistics: debut 98/99 season
15 games / 3 goals / 0 send-offs
Wolves: debut 03/04 season
9 games / 3 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Bonnyrigg (NSW), Bankstown City (NSW), Adelaide City (NSL)

7. Shane Lyons
Born: 30-Aug-79 **Position:** Midfielder
NSL statistics: debut 97/98 season
65 games / 3 goals / 0 send-offs
Wolves: debut 02/03 season
32 games / 2 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Canberra Cosmos (NSL), Northern Spirit (NSL), Benfica (Portugal), Coventry City (England), Belconnen (NSW), Capital City Suns (ACT), Canberra City (ACT)

8. Nahuel Arrarte
Born: 27-Nov-80 **Position:** Midfielder
NSL statistics: debut 99/00 season
90 games / 3 goals / 2 send-offs
Wolves: debut 03/04 season
9 games / 1 goal / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Sydney United (NSL), Hajduk Wanderers (NSW), Rockdale (NSW)

9. Tanju Balabanel
Born: 17-Aug-80 **Position:** Striker
NSL statistics: debut 03/04 season
4 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Wolves: debut 03/04 season
4 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former club: Sydney Crescent Star (NSW)

10. Stuart Young (c)
Born: 17-Dec-72 **Position:** Striker
Nationality: English
NSL statistics: debut 99/00 season
115 games / 54 goals / 1 send-off
Wolves: debut 99/00 season
115 games / 54 goals / 1 send-off
Former clubs: Scunthorpe United (England), Scarborough (England), Hull City (England), Northampton (England), Arsenal (England)

11. Liam Austin
Born: 4-May-81 **Position:** Midfielder
NSL statistics: debut 01/02 season
30 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Wolves: debut 01/02 season
30 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Fraser Park (NSW), Stanmore (NSW)

12. Steve DeGiovanniello
Born: 8-Jul-77 **Position:** Midfielder
NSL statistics: debut 03/04 season
5 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Wolves: debut 03/04 season
5 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Pro Settimo (Italy), Campbelltown (SA), Metro Stars (SA), Port Adelaide (SA), Birkalla (SA)

13. John Majurovski
Born: 15-Apr-83 **Position:** Striker
NSL statistics: debut 01/02 season
9 games / 1 goal / 0 send-offs
Wolves: debut 03/04 season
8 games / 1 goal / 0 send-offs
Former club: Newcastle United (NSL)

14. Daniel Cummins
Born: 25-Sep-77 **Position:** Defender
NSL statistics: debut 03/04 season
7 games / 0 goals / 1 send-off
Wolves: debut 03/04 season
7 games / 0 goals / 1 send-off
Former clubs: Pieta Hotspurs (Malta), Fraser Park (NSW), Macarthur Rams (NSW), St George (NSW), Parramatta Eagles (NSW)

15. Dustin Wells
Born: 1-Jun-83 **Position:** Midfielder
Australian honours: U20
NSL statistics: debut 01/02 season
30 games / 1 goal / 0 send-offs
Wolves: debut 01/02 season
30 games / 1 goal / 0 send-offs
Former club: AIS

16. Stewart Van Bentum
Born: 15-Apr-75 **Position:** Midfielder
NSL statistics: debut 03/04 season
2 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Wolves: debut 03/04 season
2 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Macarthur Rams (NSW), Fairfield Bulls (NSW), Bonnyrigg (NSW), Bankstown City (NSW)

17. Ben Blake
Born: 27-Jan-76 **Position:** Defender
NSL statistics: debut 99/00 season
77 games / 3 goals / 0 send-offs
Wolves: debut 99/00 season
77 games / 3 goals / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Gombak United (Singapore), Blacktown City (NSW), Eastern Suburbs (NSW), Sydney Cosmos (NSW), Rockdale (NSW), Perth Glory (NSL)

18. Chimaobi Nwaogazi
Born: 28-Nov-79 **Position:** Striker
Nationality: Nigerian
NSL statistics: debut 03/04 season
4 games / 1 goal / 0 send-offs
Wolves: debut 03/04 season
4 games / 1 goal / 0 send-offs
Former clubs: Fawkner (VIC), Iwunyanwu Comets (Nigeria), Nafcon Green Stars (Nigeria), Udoji United (Nigeria)

19. Vlado Zoric
Born: 31-Jul-70 **Position:** Midfielder
NSL statistics: debut 95/96 season
152 games / 15 goals / 0 send-offs
Wolves: –
Former clubs: Home United (Singapore), Marconi Stallions (NSL), Heidelberg (VIC), Bonnyrigg (NSW), Canterbury (NSW), Yugal (NSW)

20. Scott Whalan
Born: 9-Jan-82 **Position:** Goalkeeper
NSL statistics: debut 02/03 season
2 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Wolves: debut 02/03 season
2 games / 0 goals / 0 send-offs

21. Matthew Gordon
Born: 18-Apr-85 **Position:** Striker
NSL statistics: debut 03/04 season
1 game / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Wolves: debut 03/04 season
1 game / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Former club: Sutherland (NSW)

24. Michael Andrews
Born: 9-Jul-87 **Position:** Defender
NSL statistics: debut 03/04 season
1 game / 0 goals / 0 send-offs
Wolves: debut 03/04 season
1 game / 0 goals / 0 send-offs

COACH: John Turner

- Played at NSW state league team Fairfield Kiev 1970s
- St George youth team coach and assistant NSL team coach to Frank Arok, mid 1980s
- Coach in NSW top divisions with Mt Druitt, Bonnyrigg, Fairfield and Sutherland from 1992 to 2003
- As coach, won two Premierships and three Grand Finals in the NSW Super League between 1997 and 2001
- Twice winner of NSW coach of the year

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No.	Name	Age	2003–04..... Games	Goals
1	David Scarsella	21	5	0
2	Richie Alagich	30	6	0
3	Kristian Rees	23	6	0
4	Aaron Goulding	21	6	0
5	Mike Valkanis	29	6	0
6	Ross Aloisi	30	6	0
7	David Terminello	23	5	0
8	Carl Veart	33	6	4
9	Shane Smeltz	22	1	0
10	Aurelio Vidmar	36	6	1
11	Goran Lozanovski	29	6	0
12	Shane Thompson	24	–	–
14	Sean Widera	21	–	–
15	Aaron Westervelt	23	1	0
17	Mimi Saric	20	4	0
19	Elias Demourtzidis	22	6	0
20	Robert Bajic	26	1	0
21	Adriano Pellegrino	19	6	0
22	Nick Crossley	16	–	–
23	Nick Budin	21	–	–
24	Matthew Kemp	23	6	1

FORM GUIDE past five games

Result	Opponent (home/away)	Scorers
W 3–2	Newcastle United (A)	Veart 64'p 78' Vidmar 73'
D 0–0	Sydney United (H)	
D 0–0	Marconi Stallions (A)	
L 1–4	Perth Glory (H)	Kemp 19'
L 1–2	South Melbourne (A)	Veart 70'

wollongong wolves

No.	Name	Age	2003–04..... Games	Goals
1	Andrew Crews	30	9	0
2	Bobby Dragas	25	8	0
3	Jacob Timpano	17	6	0
4	Mirko Jurilj	30	4	1
5	Adam Hughes	21	9	0
6	Michael Hawrysiuk	25	9	3
7	Shane Lyons	24	9	0
8	Nahuel Arrarte	23	9	1
9	Tanju Balabanel	23	4	0
10	Stuart Young	30	9	2
11	Liam Austin	22	5	0
12	Steve DeGiovanniello	26	5	0
13	John Majurovski	20	8	1
14	Daniel Cummins	26	7	0
15	Dustin Wells	20	2	0
16	Stewart Van Bentum	28	2	0
17	Ben Blake	27	9	0
18	Chimaobi Nwaogazi	24	4	1
20	Scott Whalan	21	–	–
21	Matthew Gordon	18	1	0
24	Michael Andrews	16	1	0

FORM GUIDE past five games

Result	Opponent (home/away)	Scorers
L 0–2	Newcastle United (A)	
L 0–3	Northern Spirit (A)	
L 0–1	Sydney Olympic (H)	
W 3–1	Parramatta Power (H)	Arrarte 29' Hawrysiuk 41' 54'
W 2–1	Perth Glory (H)	Young 3' Nwagogazi 54'

tonight's curtain raiser

Tonight's first match sees the state under 13 squad take on the under 14 country select.

The state team is coached by Elvis Markov and the country team by Bob Rodgers from Whyalla. This is a great opportunity for these young players to show their skills on such a big stage.

It is especially a thrill for the Country boys and they are all looking forward to the opportunity.

The SASF has a flourishing country program, which has seen a substantial increase in the numbers of country players selected in state and development squads.

Under 14 Country Select

1	Dylan Clarke	Riverland
2	Jason Gilbert	Adelaide Hills
3	Leo Santangelo	Adelaide Hills
4	Lochlan Gilbert	Adelaide Hills
5	Nick Kalatzis	Adelaide Hills
6	Todd Blacksell	Riverland
7	Ross Gray	Adelaide Hills
8	Jackson Davis	Riverland
9	John Stemberger	Western Border
10	Ryan Hume	Whyalla
11	Callum Farquhar	Adelaide Hills
12	Connor Moyne	Adelaide Hills
13	Martin Barber	Riverland
14	Lochlan Bennett	Adelaide Hills
15	Josh Marinelli	Whyalla
16	Chris Braithwaite	Adelaide Hills

Coach:
Bob Rogers

Assistant coach:
Bruce Farquhar

Team manager:
Alex Gray

Under 13 State Team

1	Ben Bieber
2	Travis Anderson
4	Anton Britvec
5	Tim Burford
6	Michael Carpinelli
12	Michael De Bono
22	Philip Kirreh
23	Evan Kostopoulos
24	Scott Lindsay
25	Matthew Lopresti
27	Michael McEntagert
31	Thomas Powell
38	Kosta Terzis
42	Rocco Visconte
45	Tom Yabio

Coach:
Elvis Markov

Trainer:
Mark Elsey

Team manager:
Tony Scanlon

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ADELAIDE SENSATION 2 (Christina Papageorgiou 73m, Lisa De Vanna 78m)
CANBERRA ECLIPSE 0
Hindmarsh Stadium, 16 November 2003

Sunday afternoon at home, Adelaide Sensation produced a valuable 2-0 victory over Canberra Eclipse to move up two places on the ladder. Sensation held the first half advantage, assisted by the strong wind, and when conditions eased in the second half, still went on to dominate with their attacking verve. Canberra held a share of possession in midfield but continue to be unable to translate that into chances on goal.

Adelaide's Lisa De Vanna had the game's first opportunity, beating two defenders before goalkeeper Amy Beattie won the one-on-one by parrying the shot. Four minutes later for Eclipse, Gwen David beat the offside trap but sent the ball wide.

Despite a chance at each end, the game had been a fairly tight midfield tussle for the opening 20 minutes, but Sensation then set free into attack. On the half-hour, an Adelaide freekick escaped the keeper's clutches and found its way over the line but the referee disallowed the goal, the home side protesting the decision. In a lively last eight minutes leading into half-time, Adelaide peppered the opposition goal but without reward. De Vanna was again denied by the keeper and also sent another effort wide, whilst Amy Shigrov headed over the bar, and Roushan Walsh had two long range attempts.

A rare Canberra chance saw Peita-Claire Hepperlin's strike fly just wide of the target four minutes into the second half, but there was precious little else against the very sturdy Sensation defence. The home side however continued to push forward and in the 62nd minute, a Stacey Stocco strike was flicked over the crossbar by the keeper.

Finally Adelaide scored the inevitable goal in the 73rd minute. De Vanna cut the ball back for substitute Christina Papageorgiou who hit the back of the net from just inside the 18-yard box. The home side sealed the win five minutes later, De Vanna this time the scorer. Stocco flicked the ball first time to the striker who beat her marker and stuck the ball inside the far post. De Vanna and Alagich each had a further chance to add to the tally.

Sensation: Wirkus, May, Shigrov, Alagich, Day, Spagnoletti, Stocco, Walsh (Burgess 88), Wilson (Papageorgiou 58), Slater, De Vanna.
Eclipse: Beattie, Davies, Staniforth, Taylor, Frewin (Doyle 72), Wilson, Karp, Hepperlin, C Maciejewski, David (Brush 46), Munoz.

QUEENSLAND STING 8 (Kate McShea 9m, April Mann 39m, 52m, Belinda Dawney 42m, 45m, Alannah Reed 76m, 90m, Jessica Mitchell 89m)
ADELAIDE SENSATION 2 (Lisa De Vanna 13m, 16m)
ANZ Stadium (Brisbane), 23 November 2003

On Saturday evening in Brisbane, Queensland Sting came from behind to record a remarkable 8-2 victory over Adelaide Sensation. The 'maroons' found themselves 2-1 behind inside the opening 16 minutes but later ran away with six unanswered goals to dispel any thoughts of an upset.

In a match between two pacy forward lines, it appeared Queensland were in for a battle to retain their unbeaten status against an equally lively Adelaide. But in the last six minutes before half-time, Sting hit back to hold a two-goal lead. Sensation had a goal disallowed in the first minute after the restart before Queensland piled on another four goals.

Captain Kate McShea opened the Queensland account in the 9th minute of play, a cross from the right ricocheting into her path and she chipped over the outcoming goalkeeper. But Adelaide replied with a beautiful goal from Lisa De Vanna four minutes later, waltzing past a defender and rounding the keeper before slotting home. De Vanna weaved her magic again three minutes on with a similar effort to take the 2-1 lead. A miscued clearance by the keeper almost saw Adelaide's Stacey Stocco increase the advantage in the 36th minute.

Shortly after Queensland levelled when April Mann ran on to a Belinda Dawney ball and dribbled past the keeper. Three minutes later Dawney was the scorer, a cross from the right releasing her behind the defence. Dawney took Sting's lead to 4-2 just before the break, chipping the keeper.

An Adelaide ball in the back of the net within a minute of the restart would have made for an enthralling second period, but Christina Papageorgiou's neat effort was ruled offside. A De Vanna one-on-one with the keeper was sent wide shortly after and was the visitors' last real chance as Queensland took over proceedings.

Mann scored her second in the 52nd minute, taking advantage of a mix-up in the defence. Despite numerous changes, the goalscoring didn't let up, substitutes scoring the next three goals. Alannah Reed scored her first ever WNSL goal, racing in for a well-struck drive in the 76th minute. Jessica Mitchell scored with a minute remaining, running on to an Ellen Beaumont pass and rounding the keeper. Reed scored again in the last minute, thumping home an inviting McShea cross.

Sting: Kitching, Garven, Reuter, Grant, Canham (Beaumont 60), Duus (Reed 73), McShea, Ferguson, Harch (Walker 76), Mann (Carroll 73), Dawney (Mitchell 54).
Sensation: Wirkus, Alagich, Day, Shigrov, May, Spagnoletti, Walsh (Burgess 63), Stocco (Gubbins 88), Slater (Wilson 68), Papageorgiou (Balomenos 56), De Vanna.

sensation 2003/2004

17 Oct 03	Queensland Sting (home)	L	1–4
26 Oct 03	NNSW Pride (away)	W	3–1
02 Nov 03	NSW Sapphires (home)	L	1–2
08 Nov 03	Victoria Vision (home)	L	0–1
16 Nov 03	Canberra Eclipse (home)	W	2–0
22 Nov 03	Queensland Sting (away)	L	2–8
28 Nov 03	NNSW Pride *(Canberra)*		
30 Nov 03	Victoria Vision *(Canberra)*		
07 Dec 03	NSW Sapphires (away)		
13 Dec 03	Canberra Eclipse (away)		
20 Dec 03	*grand final (top two of regular season)*		

dates subject to change

wnsl ladder 2003/04

	P	*W*	*D*	*L*	*F*	*A*	*Pts*
Queensland Sting	6	5	1	-	24	6	16
NSW Sapphires	6	5	1	-	20	3	16
Victoria Vision	6	1	3	2	8	14	6
Adelaide Sensation	6	2	-	4	9	16	6
Canberra Eclipse	6	1	2	3	2	5	5
NNSW Pride	6	-	1	5	8	27	1

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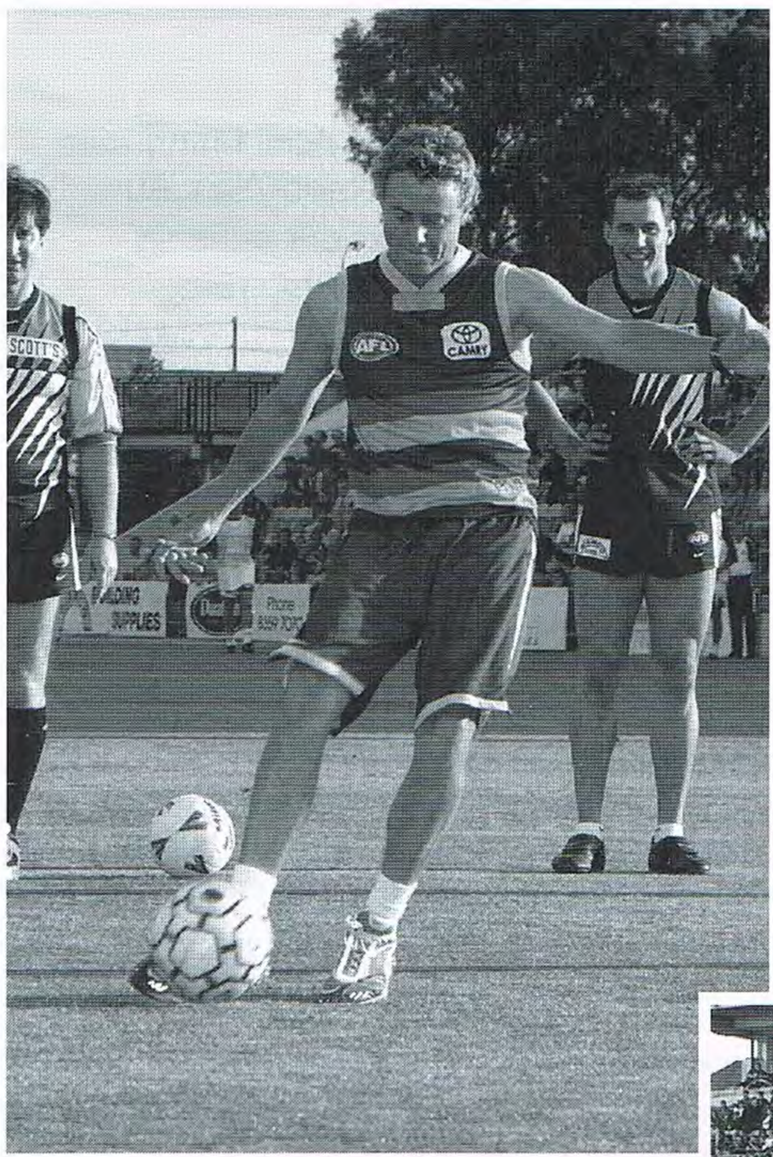

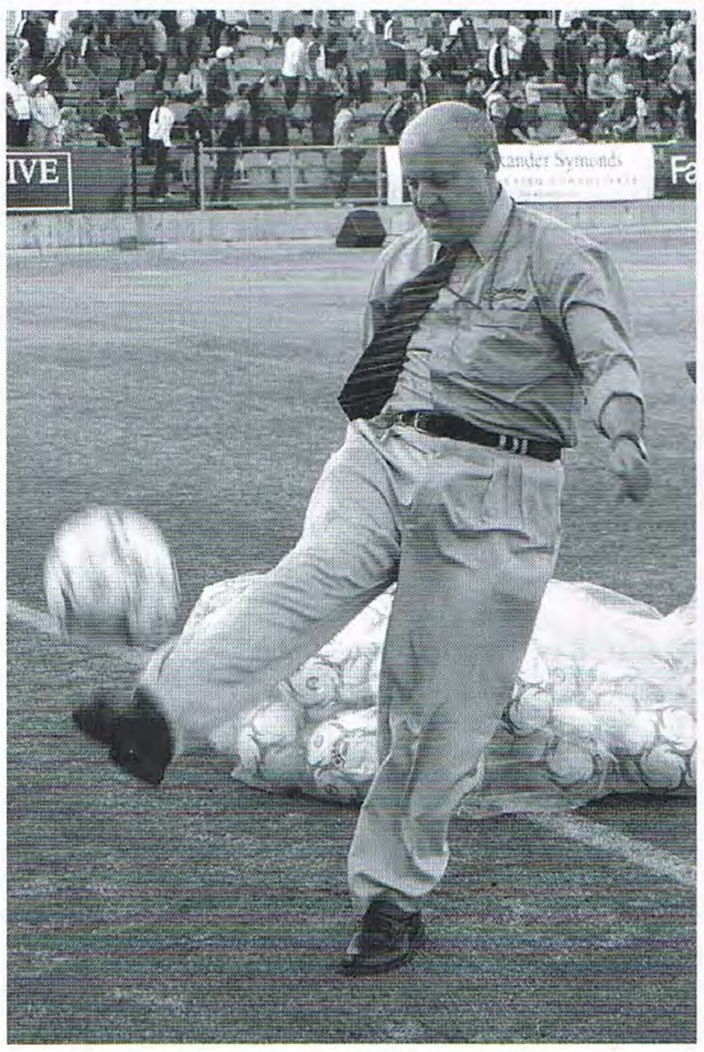

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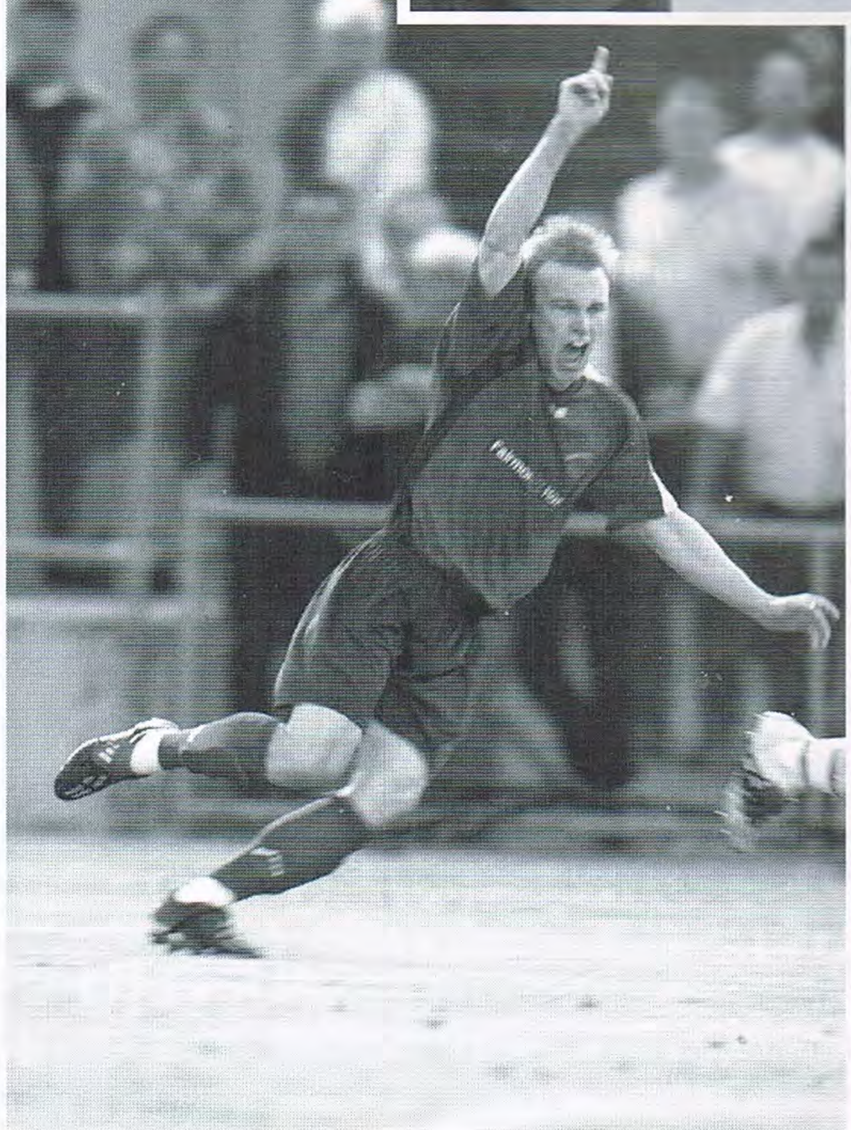

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ADELAIDE UNITED 1
PERTH GLORY 4

Hindmarsh Stadium, 16 November 2003

Andrew Howe, Soccer Information Services

A comprehensive performance by Perth Glory sent Adelaide United, the NSL's only undefeated team leading in to the match, crashing to a 4-1 loss and returned Glory to the top of the national league ladder.

Aside from the three goal margin, all other indicators seemed to reflect a relatively even match. As Mark Baylis' match stats revealed, shots on target, forays into penalty area and the corner count indicated Adelaide United were not at all out of contention. And at least two of the Perth Glory goals emanated from uncharacteristic defensive blunders.

Nevertheless it was a resounding display by the reigning champions who, overall, did outclass the home team all over the park.

A fairly even first 15 minutes was highlighted by a brilliant solo run down the line from Adelaide's Matthew Kemp who crossed the ball almost perfectly to Carl Veart - however Perth goalkeeper Jason Petkovic just managed to intercept before Veart's head got to the ball.

Then a low drive from 25 meters out by Tom Pondeljak initially seemed to be a speculative shot - however the ball found its way in to made the scoreline 1-0 in the 15th minute.

Just one minute later it was Damian Mori who made a diagonal run just outside the penalty box, breezing through the Adelaide United defence and unleashing a well-placed shot past stranded goalkeeper David Scarsella well to make it two goals for the visitors.

But play quickly returned to the other end; within three minutes of Perth's second goal a scramble in the Perth goalmouth almost resulted in Adelaide's first goal.

Barely one more minute had passed when Lozanovski set out on a run along the right side line - after tracking back and expertly evading two Glory defenders, the 29 year old sent over a cross which found Aurelio Vidmar on the left hand side of goal. The Adelaide captain, making it seem like he had an eternity, headed the ball back to Matthew Kemp who made no mistake with a strong low shot from 15 meters out cut Perth's lead by half.

The remaining 26 minutes of the first half was an even affair, with Adelaide pressuring for the equalizer and the visitors, in typical Perth Glory fashion, making its chances from breaks.

Soon after the interval Bobby Despotovski set off on a neat run and, taking advantage of some hesitation in the Adelaide defence, chipped Scarsella to make it 3-1 to Perth.

The Glory had the best of the second half, linking together well in attack and quickly snuffing out any Adelaide play with an effective zonal defence.

At 67 minutes what was nearly the most audacious goal of the season: seeing Scarsella way off his line, Despotovski lobbed from around 50 meters with the ball bouncing back after hitting the inside of the upright.

Despite Perth's dominance, Adelaide United created several half-chances throughout the second stanza, its last opportunity arising in the 83rd minute when Alagich took a free kick from 30 meters out - the shot was well struck, but straight into the arms of Petkovic in the Glory goal.

With the final whistle almost blown, Pondeljak took advantage of an Adelaide defence caught square - the talented midfielder capped off an excellent match by neatly slotting home the final goal.

John Kosmina was clearly upset at his team's performance. The Adelaide coach commented about lack of pressure leading to Perth's first two goals, while the third goal conceded was "from just plain dumbness".

Naturally Alan Vest, the Glory's assistant coach, was content after some indifferent form from his team over recent weeks. Vest praised Shaun Murphy, captain for the match, feeling that the experienced defender had played his best match since returning from England at the start of the season.

Adelaide United: David Scarsella, Aaron Goulding, Mike Valkanis, Kristian Rees, Richie Alagich, Matthew Kemp, Carl Veart, Goran Lozanovski (David Terminello 77'), Ross Aloisi (Adriano Pellegrino 82'), Aurelio Vidmar, Elias Demourtzidis (Mimi Saric 46').
Perth Glory: Jason Petkovic, Mark Byrnes, Shaun Murphy, Scott Miller, Matthew Bingley, Matthew Horsley (Jamie Coyne 89'), Jade North, Tom Pondeljak, Bradley Hassell, Bobby Despotovski (Gary Faria 82'), Damian Mori (Nick Mrdja 89').

mark baylis' match stats

	AU	PG
Total shots on goal	8	10
Shots on target	6	7
Into penalty area	14	15
Off-sides	3	9
Corners	5	2
Unpressured turnovers	16	15
Free kicks	8	11
Yellow cards	1	1
Red Cards	0	0

SOUTH MELBOURNE 2
ADELAIDE UNITED 1

Bob Jane Stadium, 23 November 2003

Dom Rinaldo, 5DN

The match against South Melbourne was always going to be a tough one for Adelaide United at Bob Jane Stadium.

As I arrived at Adelaide airport on Sunday morning to leave for Melbourne, I was pleasantly surprised to see the team on the same flight. Normally they would leave the day before, but since the Melbourne flight is only 50 minutes they chose to leave on match day.

Debutant goal-keeper Robert Bajic seemed pretty relaxed although he did say that come kick off he would be a little toey.

It was great to see Kiwi international Shane Smeltz finally take the field for Adelaide United after his injury. I'm a big fan of his.

It was also good to see so many Adelaide fans (The Stand) at the game to cheer the boys. They made just about more noise than the locals, despite being vastly outnumbered.

We got to see Adelaide play I believe it's best match so far – it was especially encouraging to see United create a lot of chances. Unfortunately we didn't get the points – two goals from former Adelaide City captain Ante Kovacevic (in the 23rd and 61st minutes) outscoring our solitary Carl Veart goal (70'). But it's fair to say we did not deserve to lose. The Melbourne reporter sitting alongside us agreed we should have won, but that's football.

Finally it was terrific to see Shane Smeltz perform so well, so much so that Alby and I chose him as "5DN Player of the Match". Adelaide have a tough time coming up with seven games in four weeks.

South Melbourne: Eugene Galekovic, Michael Panopoulos, Steve Laurie, Ante Kovacevic, Levent Osman, Marcus Stergiopoulos, Sam Poutakidis, Con Boutsianis, Paul Trimboli (Kristian Sarkies 82'), Scc Tunbridge, Michael Curcija (Simon Storey 72').
Adelaide United: Robert Bajic, Aaron Goulding, Mike Valkanis, Kristian Rees, Richie Alagich, Matthew Kemp (Adriano Pellegrino 89'), Ross Aloisi (Elias Demourtzidis 73'), Goran Lozanovski (David Terminello 66'), Aurelio Vidmar, Carl Veart, Shane Smeltz.

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results & line-ups

ADELAIDE UNITED F.C.

Date	Opponent	Venue	Result	Richie Alagich	Ross Aloisi	Robert Bajic	Elias Demourtzidis	Aaron Goulding	Matthew Kemp	Goran Lozanovski	Adriano Pellegrino	Kristian Rees	Mimi Saric	David Scarsella	Shane Smeltz	David Terminello	Mike Valkanis	Carl Veart	Aurelio Vidmar	Aaron Westervelt
17.10.03	Brisbane Strikers	Hindmarsh Stadium	W 1–0	●	●		●	●	●	●	○	●	○	●		○	●	❶	●	
24.10.03	Newcastle United	EnergyAustralia	W 3–2	●	●		●	●	●	●	○	●	○	●		○	●	❷	❶	
02.11.03	Sydney United	Hindmarsh Stadium	D 0–0	●	●		●	●	●	●	○	●	○	●			●	●	●	
08.11.03	Marconi Stallions	Marconi Stadium	D 0–0	●	●		○	●	●	●	○	●		●		○	●	●	●	●
16.11.03	Perth Glory	Hindmarsh Stadium	L 1–4	●	●		●	●	❶	●	○	●	○	●		○	●	●	●	
23.11.03	South Melbourne	Bob Jane Stadium	L 1–2	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	○	●	○		●	○	●	❶	●	

● *denotes starting appearance.* ○ *denotes substitute appearance.* *Goals denoted by number.*

remaining matches

Rnd	Date		Time	Opponent	Venue	Details
11	Fri	28.11.03	7:30pm	Wollongong Wolves	Hindmarsh Stadium	....
1	Sun	30.11.03	5:00pm	Sydney Olympic	OKI Jubilee Stadium	....
12	Sat	06.12.03	8:00pm	Football Kingz	Ericsson Stadium	....
13	Wed	10.12.03	7:30pm	Northern Spirit	Hindmarsh Stadium	....
14	Sun	14.12.03	7:00pm	Sydney Olympic	Hindmarsh Stadium	....
15	Sat	20.12.03	6:30pm	Parramatta Power	Parramatta Stadium	....
16	Sun	28.12.03	7:00pm	Melbourne Knights	Hindmarsh Stadium	....
18	Wed	07.01.04	7:00pm	Brisbane Strikers	Perry Park	....
19	Fri	09.01.04	7:30pm	Newcastle United	Hindmarsh Stadium	....
20	Sun	18.01.04	6:30pm	Sydney United	Sydney Utd Sports Centre	....
21	Fri	23.01.04	7:30pm	Marconi Stallions	Hindmarsh Stadium	....
22	Sat	31.01.04	7:00pm	Perth Glory	Members Equity Stadium	....
23	Fri	06.02.04	7:30pm	South Melbourne	Hindmarsh Stadium	....
3	Sun	08.02.04	6:00pm	Melbourne Knights	Knights Stadium	....
24	Fri	13.02.04	7:35pm	Wollongong Wolves	WIN Stadium	....
25	Fri	20.02.04	7:30pm	Football Kingz	Hindmarsh Stadium	....
2	Wed	25.02.04	7:30pm	Parramatta Power	Hindmarsh Stadium	....
26	Sun	29.02.04	tba	Northern Spirit	Pittwater Park	....

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the ladder that matters

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Perth Glory	9	6	1	2	19	13	6	19
South Melbourne	9	5	2	2	17	4	13	17
Parramatta Power	9	5	2	2	22	10	12	17
Sydney United	9	4	3	2	7	4	3	15
Marconi Stallions	10	4	3	3	11	12	-1	15
Brisbane Strikers	9	4	2	3	11	10	1	14
Northern Spirit	9	4	0	5	16	13	3	12
Newcastle United	10	3	3	4	12	14	-2	12
Sydney Olympic	9	3	2	4	7	13	-6	11
Wollongong Wolves	**9**	**3**	**0**	**6**	**8**	**16**	**-8**	**9**
Adelaide United	**6**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**6**	**8**	**-2**	**8**
Melbourne Knights	8	2	1	5	6	17	-11	7
Football Kingz	8	1	1	6	10	18	-8	4

Three points per win, one point per draw.

goal grabbers

Player (club)	*Goals*
Ante Milicic (Parramatta Power)	8
Vaughan Coveny (South Melbourne)	7
Damian Mori (Perth Glory)	7
Travis Dodd (Parramatta Power)	5
Anthony Pelikan (Melbourne Knights)	5
Stewart Petrie (Northern Spirit)	5
Tom Pondeljak (Perth Glory)	5
Bobby Despotovski (Perth Glory)	4
Dylan MacAllister (Northern Spirit)	4
Luke Morley (Brisbane Strikers)	4
Carl Veart (Adelaide United)	**4**
John Buonavoglia (Parramatta Power)	3
Michael Hawrysiuk (Wollongong Wolves)	**3**
Brad Maloney (Marconi Stallions)	3
Harry Ngata (Football Kingz)	3

crowd watch

Home games	*#*	*Average*
Adelaide United	*3*	*14416*
Perth Glory	2	8568
South Melbourne	4	6327
Melbourne Knights	4	3601
Sydney Olympic	5	3580
Newcastle United	6	3336
Sydney United	4	2942
Brisbane Strikers	4	2638
Northern Spirit	5	2483
Wollongong Wolves	5	2113
Marconi Stallions	6	1960
Parramatta Power	4	1950
Football Kingz	5	1578
All clubs	**57**	**3698**

the men in the middle

Referee	*Games*	*Yellows*	*Reds*
Mathew Breeze (NSW)	7	22	0
Simon Micallef (NSW)	7	19	2
Craig Zetter (SA)	6	29	2
Con Diomis (NSW)	5	14	1
Derek Rugg (NZ)	4	14	1
Eddie Lennie (WA)	4	13	2
Mark Shield (QLD)	4	14	1
Peter Green (QLD)	4	9	0
Ben Williams (ACT)	3	18	1
Angelo Nardi (WA)	3	14	2
Brett Hugo (NSW)	3	5	3
Perry Mur (VIC)	3	3	1
Simon Pryzdacz (NSW)	2	5	0
James Lewis (NNSW)	2	4	0
Total	**57**	**183**	**16**

card count

	Yellows	*Reds*
Marconi Stallions	24	4
Sydney United	24	4
Northern Spirit	20	1
Newcastle United	13	3
Melbourne Knights	15	1
South Melbourne	16	0
Football Kingz	16	0
Perth Glory	12	0
Wollongong Wolves	*10*	*1*
Adelaide United	*11*	*0*
Sydney Olympic	10	0
Brisbane Strikers	6	1
Parramatta Power	6	1
Total	**183**	**16**

previous round

Fri 21.11.03 NEWCASTLE UNITED 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Caravella 84') at EnergyAustralia Stadium. Crowd 1651.

Sat 22.11.03 BRISBANE STRIKERS 4 (Moon 34' Rose 71' 86' Morley 90') PARRAMATTA POWER 2 (Milicic 11' Rech 58') at Perry Park. Crowd 2148.

Sun 23.11.03 FOOTBALL KINGZ 3 (Tambouras 28' Martin 65' Midtsian 78') MARCONI STALLIONS 1 (Carle 86'pen) at Ericsson Stadium. Crowd 1410.

Sun 23.11.03 SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 (Kovacevic 23' 61') ADELAIDE UNITED 1 (Veart 70') at Bob Jane Stadium. Crowd 8359.

Sun 23.11.03 WOLLONGONG WOLVES 2 (Young 3' Nwaogazi 54') PERTH GLORY 1 (Mori 69') at WIN Stadium. Crowd 1879.

Sun 23.11.03 NORTHERN SPIRIT 0 SYDNEY UNITED 1 (Santalab 4') at Pittwater Park. Crowd 1371.

current round

Fri	28.11.03	7:30pm	ADELAIDE UNITED	WOLLONGONG WOLVES	Hindmarsh Stadium
Fri	28.11.03	7:30pm	NEWCASTLE UNITED	PERTH GLORY	EnergyAustralia Stadium
Sat	29.11.03	7:00pm	BRISBANE STRIKERS	MELBOURNE KNIGHTS	Perry Park
Sat	29.11.03	6:30pm	PARRAMATTA POWER	NORTHERN SPIRIT	Parramatta Stadium
Sun	30.11.03	5:00pm	SYDNEY OLYMPIC	ADELAIDE UNITED	OKI Jubilee Stadium (r1)
Sun	30.11.03	6:30pm	SYDNEY UNITED	MARCONI STALLIONS	Sydney Utd Sports Centre
Sun	30.11.03	6:00pm	SOUTH MELBOURNE	FOOTBALL KINGZ	Bob Jane Stadium

next round

Fri	05.12.03	7:35pm	WOLLONGONG WOLVES	BRISBANE STRIKERS	WIN Stadium
Sat	06.12.03	8:00pm	FOOTBALL KINGZ	ADELAIDE UNITED	Ericsson Stadium
Sun	07.12.03	6:00pm	MELBOURNE KNIGHTS	NEWCASTLE UNITED	Knights Stadium
Sun	07.12.03	6:30pm	NORTHERN SPIRIT	SOUTH MELBOURNE	Pittwater Park
Sun	07.12.03	5:00pm	SYDNEY OLYMPIC	PARRAMATTA POWER	OKI Jubilee Stadium
Wed	*18.02.04*	7:30pm	PERTH GLORY	SYDNEY UNITED	Members Equity Stadium

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give us a break wolves!

Its not too often that a team defeats a team who is leading the NSL ladder at the time, but quite amazingly, the WOLLONGONG WOLVES had performed this feat in its past TWO consecutive matches.

Two weeks ago, against the then first-placed Parramatta Power, the Wolves won 3-1 at WIN Stadium.

The Power was consequently overtaken by Perth Glory at the top of the ladder - however the Glory were then defeated by Wollongong last Friday 2-1, again at the Wolves' home venue.

It was just the THIRD time in the 27 year history of the NSL that a team had defeated a first-placed teamed over two consecutive matches (where the first-placed team had played at least five matches in the season, and excluding finals).

Reflecting the rare nature of this occurrence, it was 23 years after the formation of the NSL when this event occurred for the first time: the first time this happened was in 2000, when Marconi Stallions defeated first-placed Sydney Olympic 3-1 on 19 March, and followed up with a 2-1 win over ladder leaders Wollongong on 26 March.

Remarkably, the second time this occurred in the NSL was just earlier this season, when Parramata Power defeated round five leaders Marconi Stallions 2-1 in round six - and then in round seven the Power won 6-0 over round six leaders Perth Glory.

NSL STAT FACT

South Melbourne, last week's winners over Adelaide United, jointly holds the record for most NSL titles with four.

Souths won the league in 1984, 1990/91, 1997/98 and 1998/99.

NSL CHAMPIONSHIPS

4 titles	Marconi Stallions South Melbourne Sydney City
3 titles	Adelaide City
2 titles	Melbourne Knights Sydney Olympic Wollongong Wolves
1 title	APIA Leichhardt Brisbane Strikers Brunswick Perth Glory St George West Adelaide

upping the ante - what a way to end a goal drought

Last weekend, Adelaide United was defeated by South Melbourne 2-1, with former Adelaide City player ANTE KOVACEVIC scoring both South Melbourne's goals. It was the first time Kovacevic, a defender, had scored a NSL goal in 104 games. His previous goal was scored when he was with the Melbourne Knights in January 2000 - coincidentally against Adelaide City, a 1-1 draw at Knights Stadium.

Kovacevic's run of 104 games before scoring twice in a match is by far the longest scoreless drought to be ended with a double. The next longest run was 55 games, by Tansel Baser, who went through his first 54 NSL games without scoring, only to score twice in his 55th game.

LONGEST NSL GOAL-LESS STREAKS ENDING WITH TWO GOALS

Streak	*Player*	*Player's two-goal match which ended goal-less streak*	*Previous goal*
104 games	Ante Kovacevic	South Melbourne (W2-1 v Adelaide United) 23-Nov-03	16-Jan-00
55 games	Tansel Baser	South Melbourne (L3-5 v Marconi Stallions) 31-Oct-98	–
52 games	Charlie Yankos	Wollongong Wolves (W2-0 v Melbourne Knights) 11-Nov-90	11-Oct-87
48 games	Jean-Paul De Marigny	Marconi (W2-1 v APIA Leichhardt) 16-Apr-90	31-Jul-88
39 games	Wayne O'Sullivan	Northern Spirit (L3-5 v Perth Glory) 19-Oct-03	09-Mar-02

decent defending

Sydney United has played its last five games without conceding a single goal. This five match streak included the 0-0 draw with Adelaide United on November 2. The NSL's longest ever streak of games without conceding a goal is SEVEN which has been achieved twice, on both occasions in 1984, by Melbourne Knights and Heidelberg.

LONGEST STREAKS OF NO GOAL CONCEDED

Games without conceding	*Team*	*Period*	*Sequence*
7 games	Melbourne Knights	13-May-84 to 22-Jul-84	D0-0 – W1-0 – W1-0 – W3-0 – W2-0 – W1-0 – D0-0
	Heidelberg	22-Jul-84 to 2-Sep-84	W2-0 – W1-0 – W1-0 – D0-0 – D0-0 – W1-0 – W2-0
6 games	Preston	2-Sep-84 to 30-Sep-84	W2-0 – D0-0 – W3-0 – W1-0 – W1-0 – D0-0
	Brunswick	6-Apr-86 to 11-May-86	W2-0 – D0-0 – W3-0 – W1-0 – W1-0 – D0-0
	Marconi Stallions	16-Jul-89 to 4-Nov-89	W4-0 – W4-0 – D0-0 – W1-0 – W1-0 – W1-0
	Adelaide City	24-Apr-94 to 13-Nov-94	W2-0 – W1-0 – W1-0 – D0-0 – W3-0 – W1-0

AUFC's first player milestone

Adelaide United's SHANE SMELTZ will play his 50th NSL match the next time he takes the field in the NSL. Smeltz returned from injury to make his first appearance for the season last weekend against South Melbourne.

Several Adelaide United players are set to make a milestone NSL appearance this season, in particular:

Player	*Milestone*	*Current games played*	*Games remaining until milestone reached*
Shane Smeltz	50 NSL games	49	1
Kristian Rees	50 NSL games	46	4
Goran Lozanovski	250 NSL games	246	4
Mike Valkanis	100 NSL games	92	8
Carl Veart	300 NSL games	283	17

Stats correct as at 27 November 2003

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Allan Crisp

Adelaide United is an ideal club name for our new team, which already has lived up to its proud slogan, "The People's Team."

But, is there a need to follow the overseas trend of adopting a nickname?

Speaking as a battle scarred journalist, my answer is a resounding YES!

The main reason for this impassioned plea for the introduction of a nickname is because of sympathy for the journalists who are currently battling to avoid the crime of repetition.

When compiling match reports or previews, the only alternatives in describing our team are, Adelaide United, or Adelaide, or United.

The problem increases with Newcastle United and Sydney United already sharing a common name with Adelaide United.

The solution lies in using a nickname that would add colour to an already colourful club.

In the past, some clubs have made the mistake of using the name of their major sponsor as their nickname.

The constant turnover of sponsors forced that plan well and truly onto the scrap heap.

Back in 1980 the Australian Soccer Federation Marketing group came up with nicknames for all of its 16 National Philips League clubs.

Adelaide City was dubbed "Adelaide Giants" while West Adelaide was called "Adelaide Hawks."

For the record, the other nicknames were – Sydney Olympians, Preston Rams, Footscray Eagles, Marconi Leopards, Brisbane Gladiators, Heidelberg Warriors, Wollongong Wolves, Newcastle Raiders, Leichhardt Strikers, Blacktown Demons, South Melbourne Gunners, Canberra Arrows, Brisbane Lions and Sydney Slickers.

Impressive, cleverly drawn emblems, accompanied the names, but like most ideas adopted by the NSL, the only constant over the seasons has been change.

The missing ingredients over the life of the Australian national competition has been consistency and the spin-off benefit of tradition.

Overseas clubs have tradition and they all have nicknames designed to excite the youth of the world.

No need in this forum to spell out the household nicknames of your favoured overseas clubs.

Locally, that other successful football code has the Adelaide Crows and Port Power identified by catchy nicknames.

Having raised the issue we should strive to find a solution. Inspired by the discovery of a 1979 match program, the memory came flooding back of a friendly match between South Australia and Norwich City.

The front page of the program described the English club as "The Canaries" while South Australia was identified as "The Shrikes."

SA's official emblem is the Piking Shrike, a feisty Magpie lookalike bird that brooks no nonsense.

Adelaide United wears the State colours with pride so why not add The Shrikes as its nickname?

Let's have your thoughts on the issue. Do you believe United should have a nickname or agree with William Shakespeare, that a rose by any name would smell as sweet.

Allan Crisp joins Charley Villani on radio RPH (1197am) on Sundays from 8.30am-9.30am and links with Aurelio Vidmar and Angelo Picca on Tuesdays from 7am-9am.

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south aussies abroad

PAUL AGOSTINO (former West Adelaide)
GERMAN DIVISION ONE (BUNDESLIGA)
22-11-03: came on in the 82nd minute as 1860 Munich 1-0 away to Bayern Munich.

JOHN ALOISI
SPANISH DIVISION ONE (PRIMERA LIGA)
23-11-03: replaced in the 79th minute as Osasuna drew 0-0 away to Malaga.

STAN LAZARIDIS (former West Adelaide)
ENGLISH FA BARCLAYCARD PREMIER LEAGUE
22-11-03: replaced in the 84th minute as Birmingham City lost 3-0 at home against Arsenal.

TONY VIDMAR (former Adelaide City)
ENGLISH NATIONWIDE DIVISION ONE
22-11-03: played a full game as Cardiff City won 1-0 away to Wimbledon.

SHARON BLACK (former SASI)
DANISH WOMEN'S DIVISION ONE
02-11-03: played full game and scored a headed goal as Fortuna Hjorring won 8-0 at home against FV Kobenhavn. The fixture was the last scheduled for this year with Fortuna expected to start back at the end of January.

other aussies abroad

BELGIAN DIVISION ONE (JULIPER LEAGUE)
22-11-03: Socceroo **Stephen Laybutt** received a red card as Mouscron won 2-1 at home against Heusdon-Zolder.
22-11-03: **Archie Thompson** played a full game as Lierse won 1-0 at home against Beveren.
23-11-03: **Andy Vlahos** played a full game and scored in the 1st minute, as Cercle Brugge won 1-0 at home against KAA Gent.

DANISH DIVISION ONE (SUPER LIGAEN)
23-11-03: Australian Under 23 **Shane Cansdell-Sheriff** played a full game as AGF Aarhus drew 1-1 away to Copenhagen.

ENGLISH FA BARCLAYCARD PREMIER LEAGUE
22-11-03: Socceroo **Brett Emerton** played a full game and scored in the 61st minute as Blackburn lost 2-1 away to Manchester United.
22-11-03: Socceroo **Mark Schwarzer** played a full game as Middlesbrough drew 0-0 at home against Liverpool. Meanwhile, for Liverpool, Socceroo **Harry Kewell** also played a full game.

FRENCH DIVISION ONE
22-11-03: Socceroo **Mile Sterjovski** played a full game as Lille lost 2-0 at home against Marseille.

SWISS DIVISION ONE (AXPO SUPER LEAGUE)
23-11-03: Socceroo **Scott Chipperfield** was replaced in the 59th minute but not before creating Basel's second goal and scoring the third in the 50th minute as FC Basel won 5-2 at home against Grasshoppers Zurich.
23-11-03: **Joel Griffiths** was replaced in the 62nd minute as Neuchatel Xamax lost 1-0 at home against FC Thun. Meanwhile, for Thun, Australian Under 23 Ljubo Milicevic played a full game.

TURKISH DIVISION ONE (SUPER LEAGUE)
22-11-03: Socceroo **Josip Skoko** played a full game and scored in the 36th minute as Genclerbirligi won 3-2 away to Ankaragucu.
23-11-03: **Michael Petkovic** played a full game as Trabzonspor drew 2-2 at home against Elazigspor.

Information provided by the Australian Soccer Association.

british briefs

John Thompson-Mills

There is a parallel emerging between two of the leading teams in the EPL.

While money may dominate English football, I think we are seeing a good example of how a lack of spending might be a good thing as well.

At the beginning of last season Chelsea was nearly $250 million in debt. This meant Claudio Ranieri wasn't able to bring in any new players. But despite the pressure of knowing that failure to qualify for the Champions League would signal a mass clear-out, the Tinkerman managed to guide his team to the promised land.

And the reason?

A more settled squad resulted in more consistent performances which was enough to secure the crucial 4th place.

This season, history seems to be repeating itself and look at the results. Undefeated after 13 games….a Premier League record!

Arsenal's performance last weekend was nothing short of awesome. Missing six first team players-5 through suspension plus a jet lagged Gilberto Silva, Arsenal brushed aside a Birmingham side that has been one of the revelations of the season.

If you keep basically the same squad and they continue to play well, better cohesion and improved results are bound to follow----and that is something the Gunners seem to be achieving-except in Europe!

But while many of us are enjoying watching the superb performances Arsenal & Chelsea are putting on, it is a big worry that after just 13 games, there is a nine pint gap between third placed Man U and fourth placed Charlton. It would be hard to justify the side that does finish fourth qualifying for the Champions League if they were 15 points behind third…but that could easily happen.

Meanwhile at the other end of the table, Leeds fans should now be very worried.

Teams with new managers usually enjoy an instant if only temporary return to form, but Leeds' insipid performance against Bolton led to stand in manager Eddie Gray saying that "whoever gets the job permanently, will have a very difficult time if this is all he has to work with".

Leeds' fate should be known by Christmas because no team bottom of the table at year's end has ever survived relegation from the Premier League and the Whites final two games for 2003 are against at home to Aston Villa and away to Wolves, the two teams currently in the other two relegation spots.

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GET MOBILE I - A GREAT SUCCESS, DESPITE THE RESULT

Last weekend, seven busloads of Adelaide United supporters travelled to Melbourne to watch Adelaide United take on South Melbourne. With great appreciation to Gordon Pickard & Fairmont Homes, THE STAND was able to offer 220 members & supporters of the club travel to Melbourne to witness the match for the measly price of $15 Adult / $10 Concession / $ 5 Child (5-16 yo) - the price covered return coach travel and match day ticket for a reserved grandstand seat.

Info.united received many letters from people appreciative of the experience – here is a just sample of the feedback:

Our trip to Melbourne started with a train trip from Daveron Park to Hindmarsh where the buses to Melbourne set off from. Armed with blankets and backpacks off we headed - the kids were excited. Some people slept on the way to Melbourne but for many the excitement keep us all awake, I suppose the call "lets stop at the pub" every time we went through a town did not help!
At the stadium EVERYONE knew what we were there for... if they did not see us they definitely heard us in all our glory!
Even though we did lose I feel we gave South Melbourne a run for their money, and they know we are a force not too be taken lightly.
We went to Melbourne not knowing anyone else but left with many new friends. For us it was a rare opportunity, and I thank Mr Pickard for giving us the chance.
Tania Leeder & Family

The atmosphere generated by our relatively small bunch of supporters on Sunday was amazing and we never stopped singing and chanting from the moment we stepped off the bus until we were back on it. I think we may have got even louder when South Melbourne scored, trying desperately to get us back in the game and determined to out-perform the home supporters – even they were congratulating us on our efforts afterwards!
The support generated by The Stand and the passion shown by all that night made me feel proud to be South Australian and I know Adelaide United is headed in the right direction. Many thanks to Gordon Pickard and Fairmont Homes for making it all possible and making it such a huge success.
Daniel Pelzer

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ROLLING ALONG

The recent launch of The Stand's "Adelaide Goes Rolling Along" has been very well received with the song receiving air-play on Adelaide radio and over the loudspeakers at Hindmarsh Stadium, while many copies of it have been down-loaded from The Stand website www.standunited.org. Here is a personal account of the creation of the song by The Stand's tireless co-ordinator **Adam Butler**.

I was looking for songs and tunes that The Stand could sing along to. Jon Grear suggested the tune from his days playing Aussie Rules for Bordertown.

I liked the tune and changed the lyrics around (several times). We first sung it at the Joiners Arms at the first get together of The Stand. It was the most popular of the songs and was sung several times over with much enthusiasm.

Further down the track the club then asked us to see if we could come up with a club song and had remembered the "rollin along" song from the Joiners. I then with the help of my dear mum again re-wrote the lyrics. Troy West, Steve Cervaro, Rob Thornton, Con Tsakiris and myself presented it to the board as well as we could with the backing of a very ordinary 'MIDI' file. The club were impressed enough so we decided to go ahead and do a recording of the song.

From left: Steve Cervaro, David Atkinson, Con Tsakiris, Jon Grear

With the help of Quentin Eyers Music at Hindmarsh we were able to come up with something half decent, mainly because Darren from QEM provided the main vocals to help cover up the imperfections of Jon, Steve, Con, David Atkinson and myself! (We provided the backing).

We recorded it on Thursday 13th Nov at QEM and the song was launched in time for the Perth Glory game. The rest is music history!

Download the song (MP3) from www.standunited.org.

Adelaide Goes Rollin' Along

Come on boys, make some noise
We're a team of class and poise
And our Adelaide is rollin' along

We will fight, we have heart
We're UNITED, from the start
And our Adelaide is rollin' along

Let the nation see,
Our best Artillery,
Shout out our numbers loud n' strong
For where ever you go
You will always know
That United is rollin' along

In the day or in the night
Action left and action right
And our Adelaide is rollin' along

In The Stand, hear us shout
We're UNITED, have no doubt
And our Adelaide is rollin' along

Let the nation see,
Our best Artillery,
Shout out our numbers loud n' strong
For where ever you go
You will always know
That United is rollin' along
Yes! United is rollin' along
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past players and officials association

contributing history to the Adelaide United Football Club

Tonight's match brings Wollongong Wolves to Adelaide following their upset win against Perth Glory last weekend, while Adelaide United will be seeking a return to the winners' circle following successive losses to Perth Glory and South Melbourne. We need to urge the players on to greater heights, and to do this we need more members, both at the fortnightly meetings and at the home games.

Attendance at the third PPOA meeting on November 13 was a little disappointing but there were some new faces present, and a list of all those who have attended should be available at the next meeting. While we have relied on word of mouth to this stage, it may soon be necessary to go to the "big list", especially if we are looking for "younger" players from the eighties and nineties.

Please note that Luke Kouzapa is away for a couple of weeks and Pat Amey will be acting as chairman in his absence.

Membership of the PPOA is directed at past players and officials who have been involved at senior level with any affiliated member of the SA Soccer Federation. At this stage, meetings will continue to be held on Thursdays before each Adelaide United home game. The venue is the bar at level 2, Western Grand Stand and all Past Players & Officials are welcome to attend. Refreshments usually follow after the meeting.

A representative from each club is still being sought to help form a sub-committee dedicated to tracking down as many as possible of each club's past players and officials.

The Executive Committee extends a invitation and warm welcome to all who wish to renew friendships and become a part of history in the making with Adelaide United FC.

For Membership or any other inquiry regarding the Past Players & Officials Association, please contact any of the following:-

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past (and present) players... Adelaide City in the NSL

A total of 184 players donned the famous black and white of **Adelaide City** in its 27 year National Soccer League exsistance. **info.united** presents a full listing of every Adelaide City NSL player, including the seasons played at Adelaide City , the number of NSL games played, and goals scored. A similar comprehensive listing for **West Adelaide** players will be presented in an upcoming issue of **info.united**.

Player	Seasons in NSL	Games (goals)
Lupce Acevski	02/03	18 (0)
Mariano Aguero	02/03	5 (0)
David Alberton	1986	2 (0)
John Aloisi	91/92	1 (0)
Ross Aloisi	90/91–92/93	24 (1)
Brad Armour	95/96–98/99	101 (5)
Neil Banfield	1982–1983	50 (2)
Joseph Barbaro	89/90–96/97	54 (6)
Colin Barnes	1980	16 (9)
Ian Bendall	1977	2 (0)
John Besir	1977–1981	51 (0)
Stuart Blair	1983	24 (2)
Louis Brain	98/99–01/02	59 (7)
Mark Brazzale	95/96–97/98	48 (0)
Anthony Breaden	99/00	2 (0)
Michael Brooks	89/90–97/98	108 (22)
Fabrizio Bucciarelli	00/01	18 (0)
Greg Buch	1981	5 (0)
Nick Budin	00/01–02/03	30 (5)
Adrian Cagalj	99/00–01/02	55 (0)
Jeffrey Campbell	01/02	1 (0)
Les Carter	1982–1984	38 (6)
Michael Cartwright	99/00	20 (0)
Mario Caruso	1982	1 (0)
Joe Cecere	1984–1985	31 (0)
Petar Cestic	01/02	5 (0)
John Christopoulos	90/91	9 (0)
David Clarkson	1989	3 (0)
Phil Cole	1983	15 (0)
Angelo Costanzo	95/96–99/00	133 (0)
Fortu Costanzo	1985–1986	18 (3)
Robert Csoboth	90/91–92/93	66 (1)
Danny Dance	1978	4 (0)

Player	Seasons in NSL	Games (goals)
Nathan Day	99/00–00/01	23 (3)
John 'Dixie' Deans	1977–1980	57 (30)
Pasquale DeVito	1984	12 (2)
Ian DiBartollo	1977	7 (0)
Milan Dimoski	1989	5 (0)
Travis Dodd	96/97–98/99	39 (0)
Glenn Dods	1979–1984	99 (5)
Mike Donnelly	1985	10 (0)
Declan Edge	89/90	5 (0)
Justin Fashanu	1980–1981	11 (5)
Bobby Ferguson	1982	22 (0)
Derek Ferguson	99/00	2 (0)
Neville Flounders	1982–90/91	187 (4)
Noel Flounders	1982	1 (0)
Craig Foster	94/95–95/96	50 (15)
Mark Foy	98/99	1 (0)
Ron Fraser	1977	16 (0)
John Fusco	99/00	1 (0)
Graham Fyfe	1978	3 (0)
Iain Fyfe	00/01–02/03	56 (6)
Mark Gatenby	1984	23 (5)
John Gibson	94/95–97/98	101 (8)
Daniel Godley	01/02–02/03	14 (0)
Aaron Goulding	00/01–01/02	18 (0)
Angie Goutzioulis	94/95	13 (0)
Mike Grbevski	92/93	10 (1)
Bradley Hassell	93/94–00/01	213 (44)
Michael Hawrysiuk	98/99	6 (0)
Gary Higgins	1986	14 (0)
Paul Higgins	1984	1 (0)
Atila Hornjik	99/00	9 (0)
Adrian Iandiorio	95/96	2 (0)
Zoran Ilic	91/92	21 (0)

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past (and present) players... Adelaide City in the NSL continued

Player	Seasons in NSL	Games (goals)
Milan Ivanovic	1989–99/00	300 (2)
David Jones	1980–1981	55 (6)
Zoran Karadzic	1985	2 (1)
Ivan Karlovic	00/01–02/03	39 (1)
Mario Karlovic	00/01–01/02	10 (0)
Matthew Kemp	99/00–02/03	73 (7)
Chris Kent	1979	26 (7)
Dong-Ki Kim	98/99–99/00	56 (3)
Vilson Knezevic	99/00	22 (0)
Henry Kolecki	1978	8 (3)
John Kosmina	1978	4 (0)
Ante Kovacevic	00/01–02/03	80 (0)
Gianluca Lagati	99/00–02/03	47 (3)
Andy Leane	98/99	2 (0)
David Leane	1977	20 (5)
Greg Lewandowski	01/02	9 (0)
Jonathon Lihou	99/00	1 (0)
Frank Lister	1977–1978	46 (0)
Goran Lozanovski	93/94–02/03	115 (11)
Ernie Luongo	1984–1986	10 (0)
Chris Manou	1981–1983	27 (2)
Sergio Marangoni	1982	7 (0)
Joel Marino	94/95–95/96	4 (0)
Gary Marocchi	1977–1982	125 (16)
Peter Marshall	1977–1981	94 (0)
Ian Martin	02/03	4 (0)
Dennis Martinello	93/94	1 (0)
Robert Marwe	1978–1979	30 (3)
Zoran Matic	1977–1978	38 (1)
Steve Maxwell	1983–93/94	275 (70)
Ted Maybank	1986	2 (0)
Colin McAdam	1985	2 (0)
Pat McCluskey	1978	3 (0)
Willie McNally	1982–1987	129 (0)
Sergio Melta	1977–94/95	445 (64)
Dino Mennillo	95/96–98/99	102 (16)
Rick Migliaccio	1979	1 (0)
Chris Miller	1981–1983	10 (0)
Colin Miller	1985–1988	24 (2)
Dean Milosevic	1987	1 (0)
David Mitchell	1980–1984	40 (15)
Alex Moreira	01/02	18 (7)
Damian Mori	92/93–99/00	216 (128)
Jim Muir	1978–1980	29 (4)
Joe Mullen	1983–95/96	333 (74)
Tim Mullen	1987	6 (0)
Agenor Muniz	1977–1980	82 (8)
Michael Musitano	96/97	16 (3)
Gareth Naven	1988–1989	12 (0)
Sasha Nedjelkovic	95/96	12 (0)
Steve Niscioli	1985–1986	10 (0)

Adelaide City 1986 *Back row* Paul Wilde, Neville Flounders, Gary Higgins, Willie McNally, Charley Villani, Adrian Santrac, Steve Maxwell, Angie Delmedico (equipment steward), Brian Bannon (trainer). *Front Row* Paul Shillabeer, Alex Tobin, Bugsy Nyskohus, Aurelio Vidmar, Joe Mullen, Sergio Melta.

Player	Seasons in NSL	Games (goals)
Brian Northcote	1977–1989	183 (31)
Bugsy Nyskohus	1977–1989	300 (4)
John Nyskohus	1977–1983	164 (53)
Nemanja Obradovic	92/93	12 (0)
Lucas Pantelis	00/01–02/03	77 (10)
Diego Pellegrini	02/03	29 (1)
Adriano Pellegrino	01/02–02/03	10 (0)
Claudio Pelosi	99/00–02/03	77 (35)
Steve Peressin	1981	5 (0)
Jamie Perin	93/94–95/96	29 (0)
John Perin	1977–1982	127 (12)
Jason Petkovic	93/94–98/99	155 (0)
Michael Pirone	95/96–97/98	11 (0)
John Pope	1977	2 (0)
Joe Posani	1987	2 (0)
Jack Przybylski	1981	14 (0)
Peter Rankin	1981–1985	81 (10)
Michael Reda	93/94	13 (0)
Kristian Rees	00/01–02/03	40 (0)
Dave Rigby	1978	7 (0)
Chris Riley	89/90	2 (0)
Igor Rodrigues	99/00	2 (0)
Roger Romanowicz	1977–1978	30 (0)
Bobby Russell	1979–1982	104 (6)
Philip Russo	1977–1978	4 (0)
Daniel Sabatino	93/94	4 (0)
Nick Sabljak	96/97–01/02	82 (6)
Kosta Salapasidis	95/96–00/01	59 (1)
Adrian Santrac	1985–90/91	146 (3)
Robert Sareceno	01/02	6 (0)
Mislav Saric	01/02–02/03	10 (1)
Nelio Scarpa	1984	4 (0)
David Scarsella	02/03	8 (0)
Danny Sergiacomi	1987–1989	4 (0)
Dane Sharp	1989	2 (0)
Paul Shillabeer	1982–93/94	243 (5)
Luciano Signore	1980–1982	16 (0)
Shane Smeltz	02/03	23 (7)
Vic Smythe	1980	2 (0)
Jesper Sorensen	1988	10 (0)
Damian Stam	98/99	7 (0)
Carlo Talladira	89/90–99/00	140 (3)
Tomaso Tallarico	1984	4 (1)
Ernie Tapai	90/91–91/92	35 (6)
Giovanni Tavoni	1984	2 (0)
David Terminello	98/99–02/03	66 (4)
Scott Thomas	97/98	27 (0)
Alex Tobin	1984–99/00	436 (27)
Andy Toland	1987	8 (2)
Kris Trajanovski	97/98	27 (3)
Scott Tunbridge	00/01–02/03	81 (26)
Mike Valkanis	02/03	29 (3)
Sergei Vaskin	96/97	8 (0)
Lemmy Vatsilas	1987–1988	19 (2)
Carl Veart	89/90–02/03	277 (66)
Ross Vershoor	96/97–97/98	3 (0)
Lenny Vial	1989	5 (1)
Aurelio Vidmar	1985–02/03	267 (50)
Tony Vidmar	1989–94/95	149 (14)
Charley Villani	1979–92/93	252 (59)
Chris White	90/91	3 (0)
Paul Wilde	1986–1987	32 (2)
Jim Wright	1983	6 (0)
Mark Yates	94/95–98/99	115 (2)
Fred Yung	1977–1978	46 (0)
Robert Zabica	1988–93/94	195 (0)
Ivan Zelic	99/00	9 (0)

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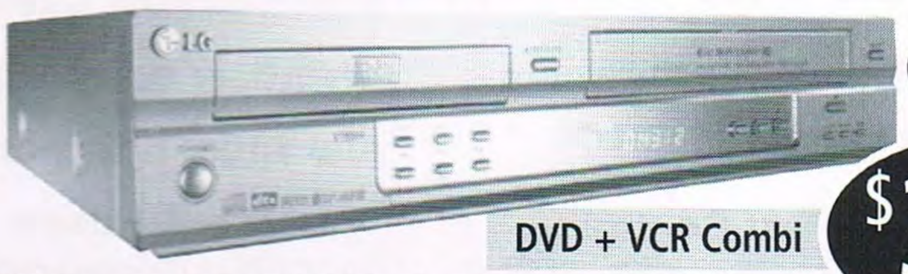

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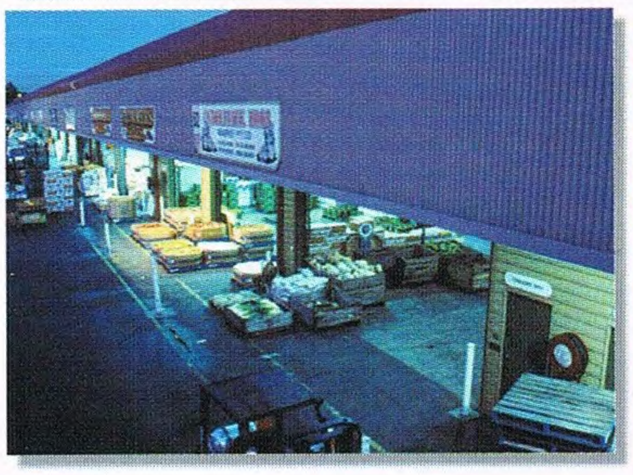

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